

Topic: **Prayer Mentor Jesus**

Bible Passage: Mark 9:14-29

MESSAGE NOTES

pray first

NOTES

God doesn't do some stuff without prayer

Pray First About:

- What Matters to You
- What Matters to God

Why Pray First?

- To Stay Connected to God
- Because God Doesn't Do Some Stuff Without Prayer

PRAYER

Holy Spirit, how are you speaking to me today?

TAKE ACTION

How will I incorporate prayer in my life?

Gather- Join a Pray First, Alpha or Rooted Group - foxriver.cc/groups

Grow- Begin a Daily Rhythm of Bible Reading & Prayer- Youversion.com

Give- Ask God, *How can I honor you in the giving of my time & finances.*

Go- I will pray by name for _____ to come to know Jesus.

FAMILY HUB
GAME NIGHT
SUNDAY JANUARY 28 | 5-6:30PM

FAMILY WINTER BLAST
MIDDLE SCHOOL 6-7:30 | HIGH SCHOOL 7:30-9

NO MEN'S RETREATS CONFERENCE
FEARLESS
ISAIAH 41:10
FEBRUARY 3, 2024

NIGHT OF LAUGHS WITH JOHN BRANYAN & KENN KINGTON
FOX RIVER CHRISTIAN CHURCH
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16

2024 | LET'S GROW IN FAITH & HAVE FUN!



~~worry~~ ~~cry~~ ~~argue~~ ~~fight~~

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Jesus' Mentoring Lesson

-Would your life be different if you didn't pray first? –

When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.

"What are you arguing with them about?" he asked.

A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not."

"You unbelieving generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me."

So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.

Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?"

"From childhood," he answered. "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us."

"If you can'?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes."

Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

Mark 9:14-24

What were they feeling?

- Disciples
- Jesus' critics
- Father
- Crowd
- Jesus

When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the impure spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."

The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, "Why couldn't we drive it out?"

He replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer."

Mark 9:25-29

What were they feeling?

Disciples burning question: "Why couldn't we...? "

Simple – Profound answer

- You need to pray first!

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Vs. 23

"Everything is possible for one who believes."

Jesus message to us – don't put limits on God and don't ignore the rest of His Words to us.

Vs. 24

"Lord I believe, help my unbelief"

Pray First

- About what matters to you
- About what matters to God

Jesus

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

Mark 1:35

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