



*Leading Generations Into
A Life-Changing Relationship
With Jesus Christ.*

**From Powerless
to Powerful:
The Journey of Faith**
Matthew 17:14-20

And when they **came to the disciples,**
they saw a **great crowd around them,**
and **scribes arguing** with them.

(Mark 9:14)



a man came up to him and, kneeling before him, said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for **he has seizures and he suffers terribly**. For often he **falls into the fire**, and often **into the water**
(Matthew 17:15)



And I brought him to **your disciples,**
and they **could not heal him.**”
(Matthew 17:16)



And Jesus answered, "O **faithless and twisted generation**, how long am I to be with you? **How long** am I to bear with you? **Bring him here to me.**"

(Matthew 17:17)



And Jesus **rebuked the demon**, and it came out of him, and the boy was **healed instantly**. *(Matthew 17:18)*



Then the disciples came to Jesus
privately and said, “**Why could we not
cast it out?**”
(*Matthew 17:19*)



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And they **cast out many demons..**

(Mark 6:13)



**He said to them, “Because of your
little faith.
(Matthew 17:20)**



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little faith.

(Matthew 17:20 ESV)

And Jesus said unto them, Because of
your **unbelief**

(Matthew 17:20 KJV)



For truly, I say to you, if you have **faith like a grain of mustard seed**, you will say to this **mountain**, 'Move from here to there,' and **it will move**, and **nothing will be impossible for you.**"

(Matthew 17:20)



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- 1. The Problems of Unbelief**
- 2. The Person to Believe**
- 3. The Power of Belief**



1. The Problems of Unbelief

Powerless

“Why could we not cast it out?”



1. The Problems of Unbelief

Reason:

**“Because of your little faith
(unbelief).”**



1. The Problems of Unbelief

Two manifestations of self-dependence:

- **Fear and doubt**
- **Overestimate oneself**



**It's not about the strength of your
faith but the object of your faith.**



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Even mustard seed faith in a great
God is sufficient.**



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2. The Person to Believe

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looking to Jesus, the **founder and perfecter of our faith**, who for the joy that was set before him **endured the cross**, despising the shame, and is seated at the **right hand of the throne of God**. (*Hebrews 12:2*)



**To overcome unbelief and have
faith in Jesus, deepen your
knowledge of who He is and build a
personal relationship with Him.**



2. The Person to Believe

I am the **vine**; you are the **branches**.
Whoever **abides** in me and I in him, he
it is that **bears much fruit**, for apart
from me you can do nothing.

(John 15:5)



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You ask and do not receive, because you **ask wrongly**, to spend it **on your passions**. (*James 4:3*)



**And this is the confidence that we
have toward him, that if we ask
anything **according to his will he
hears us.** (1 John 5:14)**



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