

# The Miracles of Jesus

## The Deeds of a Desperate Dad

### Mark 9:14-29

<sup>9:14</sup> And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. <sup>15</sup> And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him.

<sup>16</sup> And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" <sup>17</sup> And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. <sup>18</sup> And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able."

<sup>19</sup> And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me."

<sup>20</sup> And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth.

<sup>21</sup> And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. <sup>22</sup> And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

<sup>23</sup> And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." <sup>24</sup> Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!"

<sup>25</sup> And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."

<sup>26</sup> And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." <sup>27</sup> But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

<sup>28</sup> And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" <sup>29</sup> And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

## 1. Dad's devotion

### ▲ He parented his son from childhood

<sup>21</sup> And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood."

### ▲ He persevered with his son through challenges

<sup>22</sup> And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him.

### ▲ He perceived his son's spiritual chains

<sup>17</sup> he has a spirit that makes him mute.

### ▲ He presented his son to Christ

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## 2. Dad's disappointment

### ▲ He was discouraged by a decade of demonic damage

<sup>21</sup> And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood."

### ▲ He was disappointed by the debilitated disciples

<sup>18</sup> So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able."

## 3. Dad's determination

### ▲ He asked for compassion from Jesus

<sup>19</sup> And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." <sup>20</sup> And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. <sup>21</sup> And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. <sup>22</sup> And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

### ▲ He accepted the correction of Jesus

<sup>23</sup> And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes."

### ▲ He accelerated his confidence in Jesus

<sup>24</sup> Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!"

## 4. Dad's deliverance

### ▲ Jesus exposed and expelled the demonic spirit

<sup>25</sup> And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."

### ▲ Jesus energized the deadish son

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### ▲ Jesus explained the disciples' spiritual shortage

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### ▲ Jesus emancipated the dad and the son

<sup>17</sup> my son

### Messages from the Miracle

1. Christian dads must develop a genuine, thriving, growing relationship with Jesus for themselves and for the sake of their children.
2. Christian dads must prioritize introducing and familiarizing their children to/with Jesus above all other earthly priorities.
3. Christian dads must recognize spiritual warfare for what it is and fight spiritually for the freedom and welfare of their children.
4. Christian dads must love their children with an enduring, embracing, expending, and expressive love—an excellent love!