



## Doubting God Will Do It For Me

**Scripture:** Mark 9:17-29

Common Doubt: We believe that God can do something, but we doubt that God will do it for us

*krateo* is translated as “brought” but it implies the use of strength, to carry, to seize, to retain

“But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.” (v21)

### 3 common reasons for our doubt that emerge:

1. Because God doesn't do what we \_\_\_\_\_ do.
2. Because we've \_\_\_\_\_ things that did not work.
3. Because many \_\_\_\_\_ us express doubts

*krazo* - to scream, croak, to call out loud, to shriek

*apastia* - to actively disbelieve or distrust

What do we do when we have pockets of doubt?

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_ about our faith \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ that we have.
  - James 2:26
  - Matthew 17:20
  - Hebrews 11:6

No matter what you are \_\_\_\_\_, God is \_\_\_\_\_, and God will \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ you are.

- Daniel 3:17-18

**Start talking.**

- Are you more *gullible* (like Winnie the Pooh), *cynical* (like Eyesore), *helter-skelter* (like Tigger), or *calculating* (like Owl)? Likewise, how would you characterize your family members?

**Start thinking.**

- While the other 3 were up on the mountain, what was the problem that the other 9 were having? How did they deal with it?
- As the boys father, how would you feel during the argument?
- How do the contrasts between this story and the transfiguration account for Jesus' response?

**Start sharing.**

- When have you felt like the father in v24? How do prayer and faith relate for you at those times?
- Where do you learn more - during spiritual highs or lows?
- How can you live with the full reality of evil around you and yet with strong awareness of God's transforming power? In what way do you feel the tension?
- What possibilities and abuses come to mind when you ponder the fact that "everything is possible for him who believes"? (v23)

**Start praying.** *Be bold and pray with power.*

*God, help me in moments of fear, unbelief, and doubt. Help me to work through my doubts and turn them into unwavering and actionable belief. May your Spirit work in my life to move me to complete commitment.*

**Start doing.** *Commit to a step and live it out this week.*

- Pray daily for God to reveal Himself to you and one other person you choose to pray for.
- Pray for God to meet you at your doubt and to turn it into belief.