Mark’s Gospel Lesson 29 (2023)

**FAITH, PRAYER AND THE WHOLENESS OF GOD**

(Mark 9:14-29)

**Open it:**

1. When was the last time you felt inadequate to do a job you had to do? In what situation have you done something that you thought was impossible?

**Explore it:**

1. Read verses 14-16. What was the setting of the events in this story? (14) How did the people react when they saw Jesus? What did Jesus ask the crowd and the teachers of the law? (16)
2. Read verses 17-19. What were the people arguing about? What had the impure spirit done to the boy it possessed? (17-18) How did Jesus feel at this point? (19)
3. Read verses 20-23. What was the impure spirit’s response to Jesus? (20) What was the boy’s life like before Jesus healed him? (21-22) How was faith related to this situation? (23)
4. Read verses 24-27. What problem did the father need to overcome? (24) In what area of your life do you struggle with doubt? When did Jesus treat the demon-possessed boy?
5. Read verses 28-29. What necessary steps had the disciples failed to take in this situation? (28-29) In what areas do you think we fail to see success because we do not pray?

**Apply it:**

1. About what in your life will you pray every day? What concrete action can you take today to show a commitment to prayer?