

Expose 55 K19

Flipping The Prayer Coin –Take Responsibility For Your Destiny

Thank God for last session. So the emphasis is on daily and is on triumphant position. So today we are believing the Lord to lead us on, and we are sure he is leading us unto something very very good. This is Expose 247 where we believing God for a transformational change. Where we are going to move from where we are to where we should be using the compass of the scriptures. We've been on this Knock Out series and last weekend was somehow, we had the missing ingredients and the last video was where is it? That is what was screaming out and coming out where is it? And if you don't know what we are talking about, what the it is? Then you need to run to the Expose 247 page to listen to what is that thing "it" we are talking about.

And I don't think I should be asking our congregation again, our audience again where is it? Where is it? I think from last week they should have known what that "it" is, and where the faith is. Or do you think we need to ask them again?

Yeah well, viewers all over the world. Thank you for joining us today again on this Knock Out Series.

Now don't forget the vision behind this Knock Out Series. Fundamentally we've actually kick out many weeks ago on Colossians Chapter 2 verse 8 that simply says beware, be aware that no man spoils you or cheat you out of your inheritance in Christ through vain traditions and philosophies of men. And most of us if somebody try to come to your house to steal your property you will be on guide, you will not take it lightly. But is a bit strange that most of us don't even give it a thought when we listen to things or we actually carry out activities in the body of Christ and those very activities they make nonsense of the Word of God and make it useless in our life.

And those are the very things we've been knocking out on this Knock Out series. And presently we are on the issue of prayer. On this issue of prayer, like we said before nothing reveals the confusion of most Christians in their life as much as their prayer life does. And that is why we've been focusing on Knock Out series on prayer. We've gone through different topics as she has said. We've gone through "Hypocrites love to pray," We've gone through "Do not Pray like this," We've gone through "Can this be your friend?" We've gone through "The God of force and frustration." We've also actually look at "The Missing Ingredient."

And last Sunday we actually did an Expose on “Where is it?” And then we did that because Luke Chapter 8 verse 25 Jesus was the one that asked that questions. And the reason why Jesus asked that question, you know actually this is where we stopped last episode. And we need to carry people along to know exactly where the connection point is. The reason why Jesus asked them question where is your faith? Was because that questions was warranted. Because of course the same disciples who were telling Jesus don’t you care that we perish? And we said one thing that most of our prayer points are the ones that try to evoke God’s emotions. We think we can actually bring our prayer point to the front of the pack. We try to convince God that look at my situations. I’ve been on this mountain for too long, please have mercy on me. And that is the kind of prayer they were actually praying to Jesus.

They kept saying don’t you care that we perish? Are you not concern about our predicament? People pray such prayers these days and then try to think they can actually use that prayer to motivate God emotionally, forgetting the fact that Hebrew Chapter 11 says that without faith it is impossible faith. I would have thought it would have said without tears, it would have been impossible to please God. It didn’t say without emotional words, it is impossible to please God. It didn’t say without convincing words it is impossible to please God. He said No! Without faith, it is impossible to please God. Hebrew 11 verse 6.

You see Jesus asked them where is your faith when then actually said that to Jesus on the boat? He asked them that questions because this same disciples actually executed great activities of the spirit in many places in the scripture. They did many wonderful things. In fact it was Jesus that told them let’s go over to the other side. And Jesus was saying you have something and that thing you have I’m wondering where did you put it in this situation? So Jesus asked them the question where is your faith?

And I’ll encourage you, viewers, to look for that episode where we actually addressed this because is very critical. And you know one thing that is very important in our prayer life, is not about the words that we speak. Is about we need to speak the same language that God understands. And in Luke Chapter 18 when Jesus gave us the parable regarding prayer, regarding the woman that was actually praying to the judge to avenge her of her adversary. Jesus said one thing, he said nevertheless, when the son of man shall come shall he find faith on the earth. That was how Jesus rounded up a parable on prayer.

So he was saying that the missing ingredient is actually faith. And we’ve actually dealt with that before.

So we are going to carry on with that today. Don't forget our last episode, we are looking for it. Where is it? Where is your faith? Jesus asked them where is your faith? And before we go on with today's transmission, let us make this point clear so that we don't get this mix up.

We said in the last episode, every Christian, if you are born again. You have faith. It is impossible for you to be saved without faith. We used verses of the scripture to prove that. We went through Ephesians Chapter 2 from verse 6 to verse 10 that says for by grace are ye saved through faith. So you cannot be saved without faith. So don't say you don't have faith. If you say you don't have faith, it means you are not saved. So nobody should tell you, you don't have faith. You've got faith and that is why you are saved. Of course, if you are not saved, you don't have it.

We went to the book of Peter where Peter says we have all received like precious faith like him. And also we went unto Romans where he actually did say, that unto every man is given the measure of faith. So when it says every man in context, is talking about every Christians. Those who are the listeners or readers of Paul's writing in Romans. So let's put that in context.

So we actually established the fact that everybody has faith if they are saved. And the big question is **why then do we pray and say things to God that is devoid of faith?** And that is why Jesus asked them the question in Luke 8:25 where is your faith? In every situation, in your prayer life, why do you say things like you don't have what you actually have? And that is the point we ended in the last transmission.

Yeah to continue the conversation on this, you really need to fall back on those six or seven episodes. Please you need to go back to these episodes so you can actually connect with what we are talking about on this Knock Out series on prayer. So we are looking for it.

Today we are going to carry on, on the mission of beaming the search light of the spirit unto where the faith is hidden. The very faith that was responsible for your salvation. The very faith that made you believe on the one you have not seen, yet you believed. That very faith, how come when we come to the place of prayer or things happened around our life or there are situations and circumstances that happened to us, we go to God and say things in the places of prayer that are devoid of faith. So where is that faith hidden? That is what we are beaming the searchlight of the spirit today to find out.

So come with us as we go to book of Mark Chapter 9.

Now we began to look at this particular event that actually happened when Jesus came down from the Mount of Transfiguration. And in this event we are trusting the spirit of grace to help us to beam the searchlight of the spirit to see where is that faith? Where is it hidden? Where is it? That is what we are going to look at today.

So let's go straight to Mark Chapter 9. I am going to read quickly from verse 14.

Now we trust the Lord to guide us through this Expose.

Mark 9:14

14. And when he came to his disciples, he saw a great multitude about them, and the scribes questioning with them

That is Jesus Christ, he was coming down from the Mount of Transfiguration.

15. And straightway all the people, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed, and running to him saluted him.

Now it was because they saw the glory of God upon Jesus when he was coming down from the Mount of Transfiguration.

I read from verse 16,

16. And he asked the scribes, what question ye with them?

17. And one of the multitude answered and said, master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit;

Now if you read Luke's account and Matthew's Account they tell us that this man was part of the company. The man that brought this boy to Jesus, he wasn't part of the scribe, this man was in need of genuine help.

18. And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.

Now this man was giving us the symptom as it were, the diagnosis should we call it... the symptoms things you will see regarding the predicament of his son. So verse 18 is saying,

And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him:

That is what happen to the boy

And he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away:

his life is wasting away.

And I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.

Now we said last time, this is a red pointer. This is a big red flag. They could not. We established, now if you have your Bible please you can check this out. Because this is what we all have to look at critically.

In Luke Chapter 9 verse 1, in Matthew Chapter 10 verse 1, in Luke Chapter 10 verse 10 to verse 20, you will notice the Bible says Jesus gave his disciples power over all demons to cast out all devils. No devil was excluded. Now again the Bible tells us in Matthew 10:1. He says he gave them power over all manner of sicknesses and over all manner of diseases. Now again in Luke Chapter 10 verse 19 he said he gave them power over all the powers of the enemy. It means then no power of the enemy was exempted from the authority that Jesus gave the disciples.

So we said one thing, this is a big red flag. If this man said to Jesus your disciples could not cast him out. And then one thing we want to establish is the reason then why we have situations in our life, why in the place of prayer we are praying like we don't have something doesn't really mean that God has not made it available.

Again we repeat that point, Jesus said he gave them power over all devils, over all demons. Luke 9:1, Matthew 10:1, Luke 10:19 and yet they could not cast this one out. And you see some people have come up with a doctrine where they said this demon was of a special degree, this demon was of a different order. Now if you say that, that will run contract to scriptures in Luke 9:1, and Matthew 10:1 that categorically said Jesus gave them power over **all** devils. So it means no devil was exempted.

So now look at verse 19,

19. He answereth him, and he saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I suffer you? Bring him unto me.

This is what Jesus said. This is Jesus response to the situation. Have you thought about it, Jesus should have said, O I understand why they could not cast him out. Is because this demon is of a special degree, I understand. It makes sense why they couldn't cast him out. Or Jesus could have said, O, I understand the reason why the disciples were stocked. Or I could understand the reason why they couldn't make any move, any progress in casting out the devil. Jesus could have said well this particular devil was of a special degree. But see what Jesus said. See the response of the King of glory.

Look at verse 19.

He answereth him, and he saith,

That is Jesus answered the man. Like Jesus was trying to tell the man the reason why they couldn't help him.

And he saith, O faithless generation,

Now mark the word. Jesus said the problem is not the degree of the demon. The problem is not the predicament, the problem is not the depth of the situation. He said the problem is that this generation is faithless. There is a missing ingredient. That is what is missing. O faithless generation.

Now look at that,

O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I suffer you? Bring him unto me.

Look at verse 20,

20. And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him, and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming

Now begin to look at this. Jesus saw him, that is he saw the boy, straightway the spirit tares him, and he fell to the ground and wallowed foaming.

Now that is a big strange. Have you noticed that exactly what happened to this boy is the similar symptom that the father describe in verse 18?

Now this is amazing. This is the reason, because at this point they brought the boy to Jesus. And when the boy was brought to Jesus, the Lord of glory, the king of glory, the Master of the waves, the Master over demons, the Master over darkness, the Master in heaven and earth. They brought the boy to the King of kings and Lord of lords and the symptom, the very symptom that usually happened at home repeated itself before Jesus.

Now listen, it repeated itself before Jesus. In fact you might even say it was even worse before Jesus. Because the Bible says the boy wallowed on the ground. And when the father gave the symptom in verse 18. He didn't even say he was wallowing on the ground. So you could even say in context he got worst before the boy came before Jesus.

Now watch this! Now look at the next verse.

Look at verse 21,

21. And he asked his father, how long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, of a child

Now Jesus asked them how long has he been. He said of a child.

Now look at verse 22, the father began to give further description.

22. And oftimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us.

See prayer points! Now see prayer points!

Now don't forget we are doing Knock Out series on prayer. See the prayer point of this man. And please if you please can you compare how you pray to how this man was praying? Can you relate with this man prayer point? Look at his prayer point. Does it sound similar to how we pray? Does it sound similar to popular prayers in the body of Christ today?

Watch the prayer point!

He said "if thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us."

So this man said, well Jesus please help us. If you can do anything about my situation. If you can do anything about my condition. Please help us. Have mercy on us.

Now can you see prayer point that put liability on God? Prayer point that put responsibility on the Lord of glory.

So the man is saying the reason why am in this situation is, you've not shown me compassion. The reason am in this situation is, you are not actually helping in this situation. He said, if you can do anything. Why are you watching us like this? Does that not sound similar to Luke Chapter 8 from verse 22-25 when they told Jesus don't you care that we perish?

And have you notice this is the crux or the key, should I say this is the main point of most prayer points today in most people prayer life's. Prayer life's that actually tend to tell God can you please have mercy on me? Are you not looking at my situation? O God are you not looking at how things are happening in my life? Are you not looking at the fact that the enemy is going to consume me? Are you not looking at the fact that things are not working in my life? Are you not looking at the fact that if you don't show up in my life, and going to be disgrace? And people try to put an emotional weight on God and they think they are praying.

See what this man said to Jesus, he said well if you can help us, just help us. Have compassion on us, have mercy on us. Like I said, this is the most popular trend of most prayer that people pray today.

Now see how Jesus responded to this kind of prayer that this man was bringing before the Lord Jesus. See the response of Christ Jesus to that prayer. See what he said

Verse 23,

23. Jesus said unto him, if thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

And let say this, Jesus today is saying the same thing to you. If you are watching this today on this Knock Out series. The same response Christ gave to this man is giving to everyone who pray like this man. People that actually tell God please help me this year 2017. Please have mercy on me. Have compassion on me. Look at my situation. If that is the kind of prayer you pray and you think you are actually doing prayers.

Now listen we are not just putting this on your neck. This is what we have also have to do in the past until God brought enlightenment and understanding to us in our prayer life. Don't forget in Luke 18 Jesus said and God shall answer speedily. He said people should be less concern about how God answers. We should be more concern about how we receive in the place of prayer. He said and shall not God avenge speedily his own elect. He said but nevertheless, that is what He said in Luke 18. Nevertheless! When he comes shall he find faith? Nevertheless!

That is why we are focusing on the **nevertheless**.

So see what he says, this man pray a prayer to Jesus. And see how Jesus how responded to this prayer point. And may I say this, that is the way he is responding to the prayer point that people are still praying today in this context.

See what he says in verse 23.

23. Jesus said unto him, if thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

Here come a report card of such a prayer.

Verse 23

23. Jesus said unto him, if thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

Will you stop putting the weight on me? Will you stop putting the responsibility on me, because all you need for life and godliness are provided for you. The Bible says his divine power, his divine power has given us all things that we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who has called us to glory and virtue (2Peter 1:3).

The Bible says all things we need for life and godliness, God's divine power made available. Jesus on the cross made a very big statement. It is finished. Now what that simply means is, God is saying all that we need to do for you in Christ Jesus we have done it. It is called finished. It is all settled. He said the Word of God is settled in heaven, it is settled. God will not improve on the finished work of Calvary because of your prayer point.

God will not send Jesus back to the cross to die in a much more deeper death so that you will come out of captivity. No! The Bible says he has translated us from the dominion of darkness, Colossians 1 into the kingdom of his dear son. All that God will do in Christ, he has done.

So Jesus is telling this man stop asking me if I can help. Stop saying that. I have provided help in Christ. That is why Jesus Christ said something. Until I go the comforter will not come. He call him the paraclete. The helper! And where is the Holy Ghost if I may ask you. The helper is here (inside us) so he is simply saying stop asking me to please show you mercy or please have mercy on me. The question Christ is asking is do you believe? If you can believe all things are possible. We can bridge the gap right now if only you have faith. If only you believe.

So we are simply saying the missing ingredient in the place of prayer is faith. And do you know what nothing reveals our faithlessness more than the words of prayer that we utter. That is the point.

A man prays a prayer... now do you know the reason why Jesus said if you can believe? The reason why Jesus said if you can believe is because the very words of the man was completely devoid of faith.

That is why Jesus Christ said in verse 23 if you can believe all things are possible. And that is what he did say in verse 23.

Yes, I just want to add something before we go on. We can see that in that verse 23 that the Lord Jesus have to flip the coin and turn it back on this man, because the man was like holding Jesus ransom using emotional blackmail. We can see Jesus knocking out emotional blackmail. People that come to God in the place of prayer and trying to

tell him as if he is not compassionate enough. Is God less...he doesn't have enough morality, they feel.

And we can see that is the weapon that this man is using when most of us are using the same kind of weapon in the place of prayer. We use it to arm ourselves against God and so we come with all those stories. You know the man was so good he had all the symptom as he was going on and on about it. How as a child in some times he go into fire, and go into this and so it makes you look at the other side it really must be bad for you not to have shown up in this situation in my life. It means why are you like this God?

He is so skill with all these, all those emotional things as instrument of blackmail. To use it to wow God and feel like if you can do anything like this, like is all about this. This is how terrible the situation is. And it mirrors what we do in the place of prayer too. So some people have guarded themselves, instead of putting on the armor of God as the book of Ephesians Chapter 6 says. But what they just guarded themselves with how they can just use our emotions. And how they can go on and on about... information how terrible things are so that at least God can actually move very quickly.

And they feel like they can appeal to his humanity. That is the thing. Show compassion and all those things. You know just to... can we just bring it out. So they try to connect with him, to connect with the humanity side of him. Instead of touching the divinity using faith to touch and get to the divine part of him.

We can only access that by faith. That is the thing. You know you can't get to that without having faith. Just like that woman with the issue of blood. But when you are talking about connecting with humanity, so they start using the realm of emotionalism and compassion. Can you have the compassion on us? And is similar to the man, that 38years man at that pool. They all have this information. They have all the information at their fingertips on how situation is about. And try to appealing and touching the humanity side of God.

And so today we are calling you out from such mentality. To come to connect to the divinity and stop using emotions, stop using your state of helplessness to try and convince God to answer your prayer using your information about your situation. You are trying to put your own situation like if I convince God and he knows how critical my condition is, it will actually make him to move on my behalf. Now that is the strategy this man was trying to use. And Jesus turn back the strategy on the man. Jesus said don't use this on me, you can't do that.

So don't connect to him on humanity level. Connect to him divinely. Because those that come to God must believe that he is. So you have to connect with faith. That is in sequence with what we are discussing about... the faith.

And then the flipping the coin again. You know that verse I think maybe you are still going there. That says if thou believe, all things are possible to him that possible. You know it was before with God all things are possible with God. That was what everybody knows. And that was what it has been before with God all things are possible. Because when it comes to Mary, I think that was Luke 1, and then they were saying this things will happen to you when the angel was talking to her and was saying yes with God all things...

But now we saw the flipping, so there was a serious flipping in this verse that he was saying with man. Is no longer with God all things are possible. Now the responsibility is on us. All things are possible to them that believe. Is no longer with God all things are possible.

So I want us to move just like I said today before that we are moving, we are trusting the Lord using the compass of the scripture to move from where are to where we should be. So we are going to move, we are moving today from with God all things are possible to them that believes. And where the responsibility is on us. The responsibility of having faith or developing faith and touching the divinity of God is us. And then we move from God all things are possible to him that believes.

And you see there is one thing we really need to talk about. For most people we sing songs about the greatness of God and that is good. That is really amazing. We talked about how mighty God is, and that God can do all things. But you know one thing, book of James actually tells us that you believe there is one God, he said demons believe the same and they shake. So you see just for the fact that you are saying God is mighty, God is great, God is powerful. Those are very good songs, and we need to sing those songs. But do you know what? Do you know just singing songs about the power of God, about the greatness of God in most cases doesn't unlock the power of God in your life. It doesn't, because it makes no difference. Demons believe the same thing. He said the big difference is not that God is mighty and God is powerful but the great thing is to know that if you have faith in the God that is powerful and mighty to unlock the power of God in your life.

And that is why Jesus is telling this man. He's simply saying stop saying if I can have mercy. Stop saying if I can have compassion. I have already had compassion before you asked me. In fact the compassion that God actually had on us has nothing to do with us. We don't even deserve the compassion. The Bible says while we are yet

enemies in our mind towards God. Can you see that? While we were yet God's number one enemy, God made peace with us. God reconciled us to himself, even when we are yet sinners. It means God show us mercy. God showed us compassion even we have not even asked for the mercy and compassion.

So how come somebody can be trying to play this card on Jesus and telling Jesus please have mercy on me, if you can show any compassion? That sounds a bit about abuse on Redemption. So what Christ is simply saying is stop saying I should have mercy I did it already. I made it available. That is why the Bible told us in Luke 9:1 and Matthew 10:1 that **he gave them power over all demons and over all diseases.**

It means Jesus already gave the power to the disciples because he was having mercy already on humanity. So there was no one that can use prayer point to convince Jesus to show you mercy in your life. If you try to do that, you are actually praying a prayer that is devoid of faith. You are simply saying you don't believe that Jesus said it is finished on the cross. You are simply saying you don't believe that God has given you all you need for life and godliness. You are simply saying you don't believe that Christ has made all things available by his death and resurrection. You say you don't believe that. So you believe your prayer should be a means to convince God and propel him to compassion to show up in your life. That is the reason why such prayers are devoid of faith.

How do we know that? Because when Jesus responded in verse 23. He said if you can believe. That is a very mild way of simply saying all what you said has no belief in it. That is what Jesus was trying to tell the man that all what you told me in verse 22 is devoid of faith completely.

We just hope we've been able to clarify for you that the burden of your reception, receiving from the Lord is on you. So you cannot just and put it on Christ and say yes it is him. Now he is not ready, he is not showing mercy enough, he has not done enough, for something he need to do extra things beyond what he did on the cross. So the burden is on you, the responsibility is on you for your receiving. So whether you receive or not, you cannot put it on God. It is on you. The burden of responsibility of the belief of the faith is on us.

And I think that really means then for most of us, we need to go back to the school of the spirit and begin to learn how to actually walk in this very thing that Christ was telling this man in verse 23.

So let's go on with this.

Mark 9 verse 23,

23. Jesus said unto him, if thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

Now look at verse 24

24. And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, lord I believe help thou mine unbelief.

Lord I believe, now he says help mine unbelief.

Now this is where the rubber hits the road. We are going to really dwell on this side. This man made a very radical statement. And I will want us to go through that statement slowly.

This man is telling Jesus, I actually believe. Now he said I believe. I don't have any problem with the fact that I believe. That is why we did say when we started on the last episode that simply put every Christians has faith. Ephesians 2:8, Romans 12, now 2Peter 3:1. Romans 12 tells us that God has dealt with every man a measure of faith. Ephesians 2:8 says that for by grace are you save though faith, it is not of yourself it is the gift of God. If you are a Christian, you do actually have faith. You believe God for the impossible that is why you are saved. So it then means then when we respond or praying in the place of prayer and we say things that are devoid of faith, it means that the faith is hiding.

Now see what this man says in verse 24.

He said Lord I believe, help mine unbelief.

Now for most Christians we end up thinking, this is what we think. We think that faith and unbelief are opposite ends of the ladder. We think well obviously if somebody actually believes that means they don't have any unbelief. Or we think if somebody has unbelief, it means that they don't believe, they don't have faith. But hear what this man is saying like a big contradiction. It is not a contradiction if you notice in the very next verse, Jesus did not dispute what this man said. And it is amazing... this man said I actually believe. That is not a problem. But also I've got unbelief. There is something in me that is knocking out my belief out of the window.

That is why we are asking the question in our last series. Where is it? This man said I actually believe. I have faith. But this is the point. The point is there is also unbelief and that unbelief is kicking out, is making my belief or my faith as if is not there. Is making it ineffective. I believe that I actually have belief. But also help me I have got unbelief in me simultaneously. That is what the man told Jesus.

Now let's see whether Jesus dispute such a statement made by the man, look at the next verse, verse 25

25. When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

Have you noticed Jesus said nothing, he made no commentary about what the man said, to dispute what he said? Have you noticed in verse 22 to verse 23, now listen to this, the man made a statement in verse 22?

In verse 23 Jesus disputed that statement. Can you watch that?

So Jesus was taking time out to dispute erroneous statement made by this man. In verse 22 the man was asking that if you can help us show us compassion. And verse 23 Jesus said No! You can't say that, if you can believe all things are possible. But when this man made the next statement in verse 25 and this man simply said in verse 24 that I actually believe help my unbelief, Jesus made no commentary about that statement.

Now again we are seeing the evidence, there is a very strong and situation here that this is a man that says I actually do have faith. But actually in my life also, there is unbelief at the same time. Help me against my unbelief. When he says help my unbelief, is just the same word we have in Romans Chapter 8 when it says that the Holy Spirit helps our infirmity. It means help me fight my unbelief, help me push out my unbelief. Help me push out what is mitigating against my belief. What is mesmerizing my belief? What is making my faith useless. What makes my faith hide when things happen in my life. What is making my faith to be knock out of the window. Help me against it Lord. That is what this man was praying to Jesus, about even with tears.

This is where the issue is with most of us, we do have faith, because we are Christians. We do have faith, because we are born again. The Bible says to every man is giving the measure of faith. But you know one thing, there is something in us, there is something in our life that actually knocks out the faith and makes the faith ineffective. That is why this man said, I have got faith, I believe but also help me with my unbelief at the same time

See! The point is, this is where we are actually putting the main focus of our teaching today on this Knock Out series. This man is asking Christ for a help, that help me against my unbelief. We are going to look at this, what is this unbelief? What is this thing that has make this man's faith to be so pointless? What is this thing that has

make this man's faith to be so ineffective? What is that thing that has made this man's faith, to make him to begin to ask Jesus to please have mercy when Christ already has mercy by giving disciples power over demons and over darkness, over all devils.

Now if you are there, please be patient with us. We are going to see what this is. That's what we have come to knock out. You are wondering, what are we doing on this Knock Out series on prayer? If you are wondering what we are knocking out, we are knocking out the very thing that this man was asking Christ for. He said please help me against my unbelief. That is what we have come to knock out. That means there are things in us, there is unbelief in us in the place of prayer. And those are the things that negate our faith.

So it is very possible for somebody to actually do have faith and yet they have unbelief that knocks out their faith in the place of prayer.

Now watch out how Christ will knock out this unbelief out of this man's life because this man asked Christ for help to knock it out.

Now please let's say this before we go to the next verse.

If we don't knock out this unbelief in our lives, what it does is, it makes the faith as if it is not there.

Have you noticed Luke Chapter 8 verse 25. Jesus asked the disciples. Where is your faith? Can you see that? He was asking where is your faith? You don't ask someone where is your faith? Unless you know they have it. Unless you know that it was in their possession. You don't ask someone where is it?

So it means we now know the reason why Christ was asking where is your faith? He was simply asking before there was something in them that knocked the faith to a corner. There was something in them that pushed the faith out of the window. And that's what this man was asking help from, from Jesus. Please help me against my unbelief.

And before we go to the next verse, I think we need to say this. Our prayer life and what we say in the places of prayer exposes our unbelief.

Now look at the next verse, what does it say in the next verse.

Now before you move to the next verse, it is important for us to see that even this father is better than some other Christians, most Christians because he actually understands that he even has some faith, a level of faith, a level of belief, some degree of belief here. But some don't even know, they actually thought they came into faith without any measure of it. Because it was even in the scripture that they have a

measure of faith. So he already know that he had a degree of belief, a degree of faith in him. And that is something good.

And then we see that Jesus had nothing to contrast, to talk about, to comment about, to correct about what he said about the level of faith and unbelief in him. To show that he was actually right at that position in his life.

Thank you for that insight into that word.

Now I think we are going to the next verse, and then we will look at how things are moving on with that.

Look at verse 25,

25. When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

Jesus saw that people were coming together, he rebuked the foul spirit.

Now he did that when he saw people coming together.

Now look at verse 26

26. And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.

Now please, you begin to see what Christ was driving out and what this man was praying to Christ about, about the unbelief.

Have you noticed if you look at this verses Mark Chapter 9 from verse 14 up to verse 26 that we are in?

Have you noticed we have seen four different situations of this boy displaying the symptom of what is actually happening to him. Four different times. The first time was when the father told Jesus about the situation. Gave him the description. The second time was when the boy was brought to Jesus. And when they brought him to Jesus, the boy repeated the same symptom right before Jesus. And the next time again was when the father began to give Jesus the deeper description of what the boy used to do and what do happen to the boy. That was the third time. The fourth time is when Jesus then gave a command for the demon to come out of the boy, the situation and yet the boy then fell down like he was dead. And the Bible says people came to a conclusion and they said he is dead.

Now please if you please, look at this deeply. It means the more Jesus seems to be addressing this boy, the more it seems like there was no change in his situation in fact it sounded like it was worst, at least the boy wasn't dead, he was just foaming, he was gnashing in his mouth I mean all those kind of things.

Have you not noticed that even now people said I think is even worst now, is even dead. Now like we said, please follow us through. You will see what happen to us in the place of prayer. It means the more Christ Jesus was dealing with the boy's situation, it looks in the natural on the surface that things were actually getting worst.

Before, it was a matter of having different kinds of situation of falling into the fire, but now people said the boy is actually dead. How can Christ begin to address...? This was when Christ gave a command. That was when the boy look like he was dead. And that is the end of the spectrum for the symptom.

That is it, people think that is the worst. People said when there is life, there is hope. Even when you are jumping into the fire, and you are jumping into water, whatever at least, people said if somebody is still alive, there is hope.

Now it seems like as the more Christ was getting closer to the situation. Have you noticed before Christ gave a command, when Christ got close to the boy, the boy fell down and began to show the symptoms even before Christ. Technically the demon even respect Jesus if you can put it that way.

Now when Jesus gave the command for him to come out, it even got worst because the boy fell down as if he were dead. In fact people gave their own analysis, people said well, that is it. That is it. Christ has done its worst, the boy is dead. There was nothing more to show. No more, no symptom could be that...

Christ has done his worst. We've invited Christ Jesus into the situation. Now the worst that can happen has happened. Just because Christ showed up into the situation, the boy is dead. People came up with that conclusion.

Now begin to look at this, you will now understand why the father said I believe help my unbelief. We begin to see things that knock out our faith in the place of prayer. Now just watch out and see, Jesus went through the same situation that the disciples went through. You'll begin to see this later.

Don't forget Hebrew Chapter 4 tells us we do not have such an high priest that cannot be touch with the feelings of our infirmity. But the Bible says he was tempted in all point as we are yet without sin (Hebrew 4:15). There is no temptation that has

overtaken you in this life, the Bible says Jesus in the flesh went through the same very point of your temptation.

I repeat this, it doesn't mean Jesus went exactly through the same temptation you went through. The Bible says he was tempted in all points. It means if we categorize your temptation into points, if we categorize your situation into points, he said Jesus went through the same point as we are yet without sin.

What are we talking about? It simply means there is nothing Jesus encountered in dealing with this boy that the disciples were not encountering. Jesus only went through it, he actually submerge it. Now that is the point! That is why the father said, I have faith. I believe, but there is also unbelief knocking out my belief.

Now Jesus has submit to you, I will show you this later from the scriptures, went through the same motion, the same situation the father was going through. But Jesus what he did was, he knock out the unbelief not allowing the unbelief to knock out his own belief.

And I think that verse should encourage us to look at our own life's situation in the light of this evidence of this story and see where we are. Because some people when they come to the place of prayer, they see things going worst. Just like the same thing that happened here. Yes it got worst like this. So you can see yourself too and look back and look at even presently yourself and see yourself and follow this evidence of this story. See where it leads. So you can know where you are going.

Do you know one thing that is really coming out in verse 26?

Verse 26 says the spirit came out of him. It was after the spirit came out of him that the boy actually fell down as one that was dead. That is amazing. The Bible says in verse 26... That means the situation was dealt with. The spirit came out of the boy. The "whatever" was troubling the boy, putting him into the fire, into the water. That thing was gone.

Maybe I need to read it again,

26. And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.

The spirit came out of hm. It means the command of Jesus, the instruction of Jesus. The spirit obeyed what Christ said and came out of him.

Now let's look at the natural situation. You know for most of us, that is why the Bible talks about carnality as a Christian. Like we said, we are going somewhere tonight.

We are looking at the very thing that made Jesus asked the question in Luke 8:25 where is your faith?

We are looking at the very thing that knocks out your faith in the place of prayer. The thing that makes our faith to go into hidden in the place of prayer. Now we begin to see what it is as we go on,

What happened is this? When Jesus issued the command for the demon to leave the boy, immediately the Bible says he cried out and the spirit left him.

Let's watch the natural circumstance which we normally use in our life as an evidence for what we have received from God. Can we repeat that again? Can you see that we as Christians who use natural circumstances, who use natural situations as evidence that we have received from God. Can you see is a very dangerous point to assume in the place of prayer.

Again I repeat, is very dangerous for you as a Christian. It is very misleading for you as a Christian to use natural circumstances in your life as an evidence for what you have received from God. And that's the reason why most of the prayer meeting, a lot of prayer points people offered today, they are prayer point predicated on natural circumstances.

Those prayer points are very dangerous. The prayer points somebody asked you, look at your life, look at your situation, look at your family, look at your relatives, look at your condition, look at your country, look at your environment and based on that, they raise prayer points.

When people do that, what happened is you can be completely misled in the spirit. Because what do we see in verse 26 of Mark Chapter 9? Here was a situation where the spirit left the boy yet the natural circumstance looks contrary to what actually happened. So it means then as Christians we cannot afford to be carnal. We've got to be spiritual. And that's what this is simply saying.

Can you see that?

Naturally circumstances running contrary to the reality of the spirit. The demonic spirit was gone, but yet the circumstance of the boy in the natural was even worse than what it was before. Even though the spirit was gone. You can read that yourself in verse 26.

Then we can see here that the safest thing to do is just for us, all through because I have asked us to mirror this with our life situation. Is to just place our eyes on his Word and what he says. Because if you place your eyes on what he says and what the

Word has said about you, or about the situation, no matter what you see on the ground even when the person is looking, when the situations is looking dead, when is growing worst. You know, when things are going bad, then when you have your eyes on them you can miss out in that. Because then it was assumed dead. That is even worst. And the spirit has left him. That is it. It means it was a done deal. The boy has received his deliverance. The boy has received his liberty but yet in the natural it was even worst. And that is what we see in this verse 26.

And you know sometimes, some people don't have the problem of looking up to Jesus, looking unto his Word before they approach God. Because they have so much of those expectation, because some people have prepared themselves spiritually about what the Word of the Lord is, and so they are looking up to the Lord. And so when in the place of prayer, they start to look unto the Lord in the midst, but later on as they are looking, they start looking down, looking at the situation to judge and evaluate, has he done it? Is it done? But we know from this evidence, from this story you just have to stay looking on him.

And then you know there is something again that is even I was thinking the unbelief we can trace it to... in this story about..., is even the people that were giving commentary. Is a different thing, wow! We are still going to come to the unbelief. We are still going to come to the unbelief. That is why we said that is the focus.

Ok before we go to those ones, we just have to see that we have the same responsibility. Just like we saw today that is a battle of responsibility. Who owns it? So Jesus has tried to show that yes, you own it. It is yours! You know, you own it. The solution, the problem, the solution is yours too. You know sometimes we feel like ok why? Our problem is God's problem. So is your problem. It is your problem and the solution is yours too. So is a battle of responsibility. Who owns this thing?

So as you own this and know that the burden of the belief or the proof is on you to have that faith. So the burden is on you to look all through the Word so that at every point in time you have your eyes fixed on what He has said. And not what how the things is looking or changing in the natural. Whether is going better or going better bad. It is immaterial. So the responsibility is you still have to stay responsible.

This a calling for responsibility today to stay responsible to know that everything from what he has said, everything ends with Christ when he had said everything is finish. And everything after that is all on you, from what you believe, from what you are looking at, from how you are responding to people around you, everything is on you. So the responsibility is on. I hope you are going to get that through today.

You see there is one thing that the scripture said. I am not going to quote the verse. He said let men everywhere raise up holy hands without doubt. Now the fact is, we have come to the point in the place of prayer where people like I said, we see people raise prayer points by asking you to look at your life and circumstances. And they said, well do you think that God is moving in your life? Do you think you have pray long enough for God to show up in your situation? Look at your situation. And they try to raise prayer points around your natural circumstances.

Like we said that is a very dangerous move in the place of prayer. Is so dangerous in the fact that even though the spirit left the boy in verse 26, yet naturally speaking the circumstance of the boy was even worst because he was left for dead. People made the commentary that the boy is dead.

So it means then you cannot hang your prayer life merely on naturally circumstances. Somebody asked in one of our video, somebody asked a question, he said how can I make a physical reality the things that God has spoken about me in the spirit? And we said, well that question sounds a bit strange. This is the reason because the Bible says, we are still going to go to this verse, but am going to use that verse quickly just to talk about that. He said when you come to the place of prayer, he said whatever you ask for in the place of prayer, believing that you receive it. He said you shall have it. Can you see that?

He said if you know that you have taken it up in the place of prayer, he said it's yours already. Now he didn't talk about the natural circumstance. He's just saying for there were natural circumstance. Natural circumstance will follow what the reality is. The reality controls natural circumstance. Not natural circumstances controlling the reality. Hebrew 11 says one thing, he said by faith we understand that world was framed by the Word of God. So the things that we see, they came out of the things that does not appear.

So what we are simply trying to say is this, you must be in the spirit when it comes to answered prayer. You cannot completely rely on physical manifestation or physical evidence as the confirmation that you've received from God. You cannot use it because why, the physical situation might run contrary to the reality of what has happened.

Now the evidence for that is Mark Chapter 9 verse 26 that simply says Jesus gave a command, the spirit left the boy, but yet the boy was left for dead. Even people said he was dead even though the boy was completely delivered.

I can only pray that the eyes of your understanding will be flooded with light so that you can be able to see your situation the way God sees it. Even for those situation that you assumed and presumed dead, and presumed bad, you can see them for what it is. And when you have the Word of God that says there is life inside of it. Unless you have that eyes of understanding open to see as God see... you might just fall into the error of assuming and even assuming what? Like there is death when there is life.

Exactly! You can see there is death where there is life. That is one thing about the Word. Because you are not seeing correctly.

Now you will soon see why the man said I believe help my unbelief. You will see where the problem is every soon. You will see that Jesus went through the same motion of this man.

Look at the next verse, and verse 27,

27. But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.

That is the boy who was left for dead.

Now it sounds to me that this Jesus, this man Jesus, what manner of man is Jesus? Even though they said the boy was dead, Jesus just lifted him up. I mean, like Jesus wasn't taking into cognizance the situation. It sounds to me like Jesus was quite unnatural, if I may say this.

Why is he not being "**normal**" because if you are normal you should take in the situation of what is actually happening, an appraisal of the situation of the dead boy? But Jesus just make the boy to stand up. Don't forget we said, he was tempted in all point like we are. He wasn't just a superman.

Now before we go to the next verse, may I say this Acts Chapter 10 verse 36 to 38 tells us how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power. May I say this, everything Jesus Christ did in his ministry in the flesh, it was because Jesus was anointed. Have you noticed Jesus did no miracle until he was baptized in Jordan? It was beyond river Jordan where he was baptized with the spirit of God that he began to do miracles. It tells you and I the same way we are anointed with the unction of God before we can do anything.

Christ also has to be do anointed. So everything Christ did, he did as a son of man. So it means then whatever temptation, whatever challenge the disciples had, whatever challenge the father of this boy had, Jesus had the same challenge in this situation. The difference as it were, was he overcome. Jesus did not allow his unbelief to knock out his own belief.

Now look at the next verse,

27. But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.

Look at verse 28

And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, why could not we cast him out?

Can you see that?

Now they asked him a question. Why could not we cast him out?

Now hold on to that. They asked Jesus a question. Why couldn't we do that? Now you see the reason they asked the question is simple. And I think this is the question we should be asking.

Have you noticed that the father was saying something up to the child? He was saying off the point to Jesus, if you can have mercy please have compassion on us. That is a wrong thing to God in the place of prayer.

May we say this, is very wrong to say that in the place of prayer saying God have mercy upon me in 20017. Please show me compassion on my family, please have mercy on me. Wrong prayer! Wrong prayer!! Wrong point to make before God in the place of prayer. What is the right thing to say, they asked Jesus in this verse ok agreed that you've given us all that we need to cast out every demon, we agreed that Luke 9:1 is true, agreed that Matthew 10:1 is true, agreed that Luke Chapter 10 verse 19 to 21 is true. That you gave us all power to cast out all devils and demons. May we asked you Jesus, ok why couldn't we do it?

That is the question we need to ask. Why couldn't we do it? That is what they were asking Jesus. Why could not we cast him out? Why couldn't we do it even though we know you gave us all we need for life and godliness? How come we couldn't achieve that? Now that is the question we should begin to ask God in the place of prayer so that he can give us the right answer instead of putting the burden or the responsibility on God.

And that is a dynamic shift if somebody is looking at that. Because the disciples actually own it up and accept the responsibility, we have got a problem. We have a problem now. So he accepted responsibility because Christ was trying to tell the man the responsibility of receiving is in you. And thank God there was not a struggle of No! Is not mine, is yours. The disciples came to that knowledge that now we accepted the responsibility.

So today if you are going off from this video today. You need to first of all accept the responsibility, accept the responsibility of the burden of the belief of the faith is on you. It is yours. Why could we not do it? Not why would God not do this for me? Because in places of prayer, some people are coming like in protest. Why would God not do this for me? So the question we are asking, why would you not answer me this year? Why would you leave me in this situation? That is wrong questions.

That is a wrong question. So why would I not get what he has said about me? That is the right question to ask in the place of prayer. That is the right question.

What would I not get what he has said about me? Why am I not laying hold upon the benefit of the cross? Why did I not become what he said I am? That is a right question. So you start today from asking the right question and understanding the burden of the responsibility is on you now. That is the right questions to ask in the place of prayer.

Thank God there was no struggle. Some people are using years over years in their Christian walk, they struggle of accepting the responsibility No! It is not mine, it is yours. God why are you looking like me like this? And they have been doing this over the years.

We saw the disciples, they quickly accepted it and they own it and said why could we not do it? So it is about us now. And not looking to external factors. And some people really need to move away, they are even putting this responsibility on some other human beings like them, pastors, mercenaries and the rest. And putting, shifting their own, their work, their labour to somebody else. The labour of believing, of studying to know what he has said. They don't want to do it, so they put it on other people. So they put the pressure of the belief, so they put it and they do everything to knock on doors and everything to get somebody to belief for them. (On their behalf.)

See, as you said that, it just trigger something in my spirit. You see, this man have you noticed how he started. This particular man that came to Jesus and brought his son to Jesus. He started by simply saying Jesus I brought him to your disciples. So here was a man trying to play the card on Jesus, and trying to tell Jesus your disciples are not doing their job. I brought them to your Apostles, I brought them to your men of God and I told them to help me with my boy. They are not helping me. And Jesus Christ turned and said, well let's talk about you. Jesus said O faithfulness and perverse generation how long will I be with you? And Jesus told the man if you can believe. If you... Is your responsibility. Not the disciples can believe. Of course Jesus was going to give the disciples the clue why they couldn't cast him out.

But first he told the man let's talk about you. What is wrong with your spirit why you can't believe? Jesus told him, if you can believe, he said all things are possible. He didn't say if the disciples can believe. So here was a man trying to put the burden on the disciples and Jesus put the burden back on the man and told him if you can believe all things are possible.

So we are going to save you some time or wasting your time around mercenaries and going round putting all these burden on them, the pressure of the work of faith, of laboring in the Word and even growing your faith (The muscles in faith). And putting it on people. Going to the disciples and say it is on you. You need to accept the responsibility. You believe for yourself. You believe for the change of that situation, no matter how terrible it is. You cannot say this one...because the guy was trying to use that... Emotional blackmail, this how he has been on it for a long time, this is how terrible he is. Going into all the details. So it doesn't warrant you going to a mercenary. The burden of the believing is on and we have to own the responsibility and that is the way to victory. And that is it!

And you see Jesus refused to encourage what the man was saying about the disciples. Jesus told the man you need to believe and all things will be possible for you if you do the believing.

And that is what we've seen about this man today, and don't forget our viewers, the question they are asking Christ is the right question. Ok fine, why could we not do it? Why could we not cast him out? And that is the question that we should be asking. And like you said, that is the right question to ask to say how come I am not what God said I am? How come am not walking in what Christ paid for on the cross? We need to ask the right question if we want the right answer from Christ Jesus.

I think we need to have our audience to go and digest on this because there is a lot of things, there is a lot of meat to even look through again in this verse in what we discussed today. To see about the battle of responsibility. Do you still want to continue to struggle with the Lord and say No! Is yours, is mine. I think you just have to help yourself about *and cut it off with* the battle of responsibility. The talks should be between human and God. Who is responsible for my situation? Is it God, is it me? Is it God, is it me?

And your struggle in the place of prayer might just be struggle of accepting the responsibility. You are fighting what is yours. What should be your responsibility and fighting it out. So all your Christian walk and journey has been a battle. And is not a battle of between the devil or anything because that one is already conquered. You

know that one is a finished work. But the battle of accepting the responsibility that it is mine or yours?

So today I think we've settled that for you to quicken this work for you to know to accept the responsibility. Be like the disciples and not be struggling and say No! No! it should be this. And accept yes, why could we not? And you start by answering the right question. You can't get a right answer without asking the right question.

So you need to have to go and sit back and reevaluate all those questions you've been asking in the places of prayer because we do come to the places of prayer with so many questions. All the questions you have been asking over the years are they even the right thing? Are you asking why? All the questions that always put it on God, all the responsibility like why are you looking at me like this? Don't you have human kindness in you? Can't my tears move you? Are you not a Father? See my situation. So am a father I wouldn't want to see my son like this. So are you a bad Father? Why are you looking at me O God? So trying to compare their own fatherhood and feel like they are even better as a father. They have more compassion as a father than him. As a father would you like me to be like this? Every questions, all those prayer point has always been about shifting of the responsibility.

And we saw today that we have to own it, to them that believes. And there was a dynamic shift. So I hope that your life journey too will enter into that dynamic shift through this video today and move away for "with God all things are possible" to "him that believes all things shall be possible." And accept the responsibility today.

So tomorrow 9am UK time we will continue on this Knock Out Series on prayer. And I hope you want to join us to see the conclusion. You want to join us on how that question would be answered why could not we cast him out? Unless we asked that question is irrelevant to us whatever God gave us. In fact Jesus gave them power to cast out all devils and yet they could not cast this one out, and they are asking Jesus why could we not do it? Now we are going to answer that question in tomorrow's transmission.

So if this truth speak to you, we want you to sit back again and think about it and reflect on this and then share it. Thus make it a common place among your associates and people you know and people you don't even know much about it.

And so you join us tomorrow as we continue in this Knock Out series on prayer and see where the Lord is taking us so that we can become effective in the place of prayer.

All I can say today is that I pray that the eyes of your understanding will be flooded with light so that you begin to judge situations as they really are. We are not going to

look at the opinions of people or how it looks like in the place of prayer. We are going to buy *eyesave* like in the book of Revelation to begin to see what he says, you see things as he said it.

So till we see tomorrow so stay blessed, stay triumphant.

Bye!!