



# Faith is full surrender



#### Matthew 17:14-21



### Disciples could not complete the task they were empowered to do



And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Matthew 10:7-8



# Frustration erupted because of misguided expectations



# Jesus sees the root cause while we only see the symptoms



Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they derided Him. And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

Luke 16:14-15

### Jesus addresses everyone publicly: Faithless & Perverse What else do I need to do?

## Disciples go to Him privately and asked what happened?



## Great reminder of our need for a daily replay with Him



## Jesus' Response

- Your unbelief
- You don't need much faith for ME to do great things
- Good reminder of the enemy's strength

#### His response reminds us of our need for humility and sole dependency on Him



Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:10-12

#### Request In Mark 9:24

# I believe, help my unbelief (Spiritual) (Human)



- Specific son to self
  - Faith = trust
  - · Fill in the gaps
- · Help me to be content



Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. Romans 8:26-28

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#### Questions to Ponder

- 1. Am I busy doing what I have always done or am I listening to and following the Spirit of God?
  - 2. Am I willing to do a daily replay with God?
    3. Do I come to God with preconceived expectations or am I willing to be content with "the Good" He allows?