

Help My Unbelief!

Why Our Belief Isn't A Blind Faith

— Belief in Action —

Mark 9:20–27 (NLT)

23 “What do you mean, ‘If I can’?” Jesus asked. **“Anything is possible if a person believes.”**

24 The father instantly cried out, **“I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!”**

Our belief is **imperfect**.

Two Kinds of Doubt: Unbelieving & Believing

- **Unbelieving** doubt is not working toward anything but merely against belief.
- **Believing** doubt aims to have full confidence in God but:
 1. Cannot comprehend all God is & what he's doing.
 2. Struggle to fully trust God.

Christian doubt = Disobedience (Adam & Eve)

Christian faith = Obedience (Abraham)

Our belief is a faith that **moves** us.

“Faith is taking a 1st step, even when you don't see the entire staircase.” ~ Martin Luther King Jr

- **Evidences of grace:** Repentance , Prayer , Humility
- **Our obedience is hindered by our** adoration of logic, pleasure, and our own glory

How do we believe?

By **process**.

1. **Garden** growth — an ecosystem in which belief grows organically.
2. **Friendship** process — the defining aspect of our belief in God.
3. **Fitness** process — behold him as he's revealed himself in the Scripture & by the Spirit.

By **childlike** faith.

Matthew 18:3 (NLT) Then he said, "I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven."

- Pray "help my unbelief" daily.
 - Let it remind you of
 - what you know of God and
 - what you don't yet know,
 - what you rest in and
 - what you look forward to.

CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

— Paused for the Summer —