

The Heart's Cry for Faith

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1. Describe a time you acted "in faith." What was the outcome of such an action?
2. Compare Mark 6: 7-13 with this passage from Mark 9: 17-29. Did Jesus expect his disciples to be able to heal in the same way he did? Why? What do you think now hindered them from being able to cure this boy? What situations are you currently facing that require more faith than you think you have? What would Jesus tell you to do?
3. Consider the importance of faith in relationships on a daily basis and discuss the following: What role do parents play in imparting belief to their children? What practical steps can be taken to direct children toward belief in God? Why does it matter if a Christian marries someone who does not believe the same?
4. Where does faith come from? How do you think the father's cry in verse 24 is a step towards a stronger faith? What are some other biblical steps we can take to strengthen our faith? Does suffering result in a stronger or weaker faith (Romans 5: 3-5)? Why? In what ways can other believers strengthen us when our own faith is weak? How might you encourage someone this week whose faith is wavering?

Support your answers with Scripture as much as you are able

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