David Hodges GCBC 7/31/16 Mark Series #24

All Things are Possible Mark 9:14-29

Exorcism: the problem of a difficult demon & unbelief, 14-27

- ◆The 9 disciples are "too weak" for this demon. See v. 29.
- ♦Why is Jesus so exasperated here? Dt. 32:5,20, Num. 14:11.
- ◆ Jesus again doesn't like what he hears. Why such doubt here? All things are possible to him who believes. Rather similar statements appears in 10:27, Gen. 18:14, Lk. 1:37, Job 42:2.
- ♦Which is harder to fix—a difficult demon or unbelief? Both desperate Dad and demented son *cry out*, 24,26 (same verb).

Explanation: the need for a different approach & prayer, 28-29

- ♦ Why did the disciples fail here? Too blasé? Panic vs. Prayer.
- ◆Matt. 17:20-21 nails the disciples for a faith failure. Note a procedural modification here—prayer & fasting vs. casting out by authority (6:7). *Fasting* is rightly included in KJV, Amp.
- ◆More difficult problems may require adjusting our approach!



Are there problem areas in your life where you have just plain panicked and given up?

Is it possible you might not really be applying God's "procedures" to a problem, and you have let unbelief creep in?

Do you really believe "All things are possible" and that He is really able?