

Mark 9:23-24 – “Jesus said to him, ‘If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes. Immediately the father of the (demon possessed) girl cried out, ‘I believe; help my unbelief!’”

#### PRAYER FOR UNBELIEF

This father believed Jesus’ disciples could cast a demon out of his daughter. They couldn’t do it because of their unbelief. Can we blame this man for his unbelief, especially after the failed attempt of His disciples? This father was not an unbeliever. He believed, but he had doubts. Was he any worse than we are? He feared his daughter was helpless? The word “unbelief” is used 12 times in the New Testament, of both believers and unbelievers. Jesus was often quick to rebuke unbelief, but not in this man. This man believed, but not enough for the miracle His daughter needed. This man was not content with his unbelief. He had enough faith to come to Jesus. There is a huge difference between weak faith and no faith. In the Old Testament Abraham struggled with doubts. His faith was weak. He lacked patience. He made unwise choices because of fear. At times he got ahead of God. He was a work in progress. It took years before Abraham’s faith reached maturity, but it happened. “He struggled not at the promise of God through unbelief” (Romans 4:20). After 25 years of wavering between belief and unbelief, Abraham became the man God called him to be. He is referred to as the father of faith. Don’t be afraid to admit your unbelief to Jesus. Be bold. Ask Him to help your unbelief. Don’t let your doubts stop you. Keep praying. You’re a work in progress. Christ is working His faith into you. Believe God will get you to where He wants you to be. When your faith is complete in the present, past doubts won’t make any difference. When you are struggling to believe, say, “Lord, help my unbelief.” Then watch what He will do.