

Faithful or Faithless?

On a scale of 1 (low) to 100 (high), where is your faith in Jesus right now?

Read Mark 9:14-29.

1. What did the nine disciples argue about with the religious leaders?
 - A. The best method for casting out demons.
 - B. The best person for casting out demons.
 - C. Whose fault it was the boy had a demon.
 - D. Whether or not Jesus could cast out this demon.
 - E. When Jesus would arrive.
 - F. Why Jesus had left the nine disciples on their own.
 - G. What Jesus was doing with Peter, James, and John.
 - H. Whether or not Jesus was the Messiah.
 - I. Other.

2. What happened when Jesus arrived?
 - A. The religious leaders took up their argument with Jesus.
 - B. Nobody thought any more about the nine disciples.
 - C. The nine disciples withdrew and took a breather.
 - D. Peter, James, and John bragged about seeing Christ transfigured.
 - E. Jesus had a special aura about him.
 - F. The crowd rushed to Jesus.
 - G. The father asked Jesus to heal His son.
 - H. The people wanted Jesus to feed them.
 - I. Other.

3. Why couldn't the disciples heal the demon-possessed boy?
 - A. They needed more practice.
 - B. This demon seemed extra obstinate.
 - C. You have to be able to name the demon and this one wouldn't talk.
 - D. They needed Peter, James, and John to be with them.
 - E. They had used up all the supernatural power available to them.
 - F. They hadn't prayed enough or even been in a spirit of prayer.
 - G. They were only thinking of themselves.
 - H. They lost the supernatural power Jesus had given them.
 - I. Other.

4. Why did Jesus accuse the people of being faithless (vs. 19)?
 - A. They were faithless.
 - B. They had faith, but not much.
 - C. Jesus simply lost His temper and lashed out.
 - D. Their quarreling didn't promote faith.
 - E. The boy was still demon-possessed.
 - F. The disciples lost what Jesus had empowered them to do.
 - G. Saying this would motivate them to have more faith in Him.
 - H. Other.

5. What did the showdown between the evil spirit and Jesus demonstrate?
 - A. The power of the demon.
 - B. The impotence of humans.
 - C. The power of Jesus.
 - D. The father was desperate, but not fully trusting Jesus.
 - E. The disciples had done more harm than good.
 - F. This illustrated yet another showdown between Christ and Satan.
 - G. Jesus had absolute power over the demon.
 - H. Other.

6. When are you likely to lack supernatural power to help others?
 - A. When I'm thinking only about myself.
 - B. When I'm jealous of others.
 - C. If I let Satan intimidate me.
 - D. When my prayer life is lifeless.
 - E. The times I get into theological arguments.
 - F. When I forget God has empowered me to serve others.
 - G. When I think I can't because it's beyond my skill level or experience.
 - H. Other.

7. When do you find it easy to believe? When do you find it hard to believe?

8. How does your faith in Jesus and His power affect how you relate to others, especially those who need help?