

1. Types of faith: \_\_\_\_\_ Faith or \_\_\_\_\_ Faith.

2. Our \_\_\_\_\_ can stop what God desires to do in our life.

**Mark 7:24-28** (NLT) <sup>24</sup>Then Jesus left Galilee and went north to the region of Tyre. He didn't want anyone to know which house he was staying in, but he couldn't keep it a secret. <sup>25</sup>Right away a woman who had heard about him came and fell at his feet. Her little girl was possessed by an evil spirit, <sup>26</sup>and she begged him to cast out the demon from her daughter. Since she was a Gentile, born in Syrian Phoenicia, <sup>27</sup>Jesus told her, "First I should feed the children - my own family, the Jews. It isn't right to take food from the children and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup>She replied, "That's true, Lord, but even the dogs under the table are allowed to eat the scraps from the children's plates." <sup>29</sup>"Good answer!" he said. "Now go home, for the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>And when she arrived home, she found her little girl lying quietly in bed, and the demon was gone.

- Jesus came to the Jews, "God's Children." He called Himself the "Bread of Life."
- When they rejected Him, like a child rejects food, He fed the Gentiles, instead.
  - It's important to know that this was always God's plan. The Jews were not any more important than anyone else in regards to value.
  - The Jews were supposed to be a light to the rest of the world. They just did a poor job of it.
- Jesus is looking for people who have the faith to believe in him and be a part of his mission.

3. Belief goes beyond just \_\_\_\_\_.

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4. The purpose of miracles was to give us faith by proving Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_.

- There were four miracles the Pharisees taught that only the Messiah would be able to perform. Jesus performed each of them.
  - While this caused many to believe in Him, others chose to ignore this and stubbornly refused to let Jesus transform them.

5. God wants to \_\_\_\_\_ your faith.

**2 Corinthians 10:15** (NIV) ... Instead, we hope that your faith will grow so that the boundaries of our work among you will be extended.

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6. Everyone's faith \_\_\_\_\_ look different.

- In Chapter 6, we see Jesus send out the twelve disciples.
  - They would need to trust Him not only for the miracles they were to perform but also for their day-to-day provision.
    - Some of us struggle with the big stuff.
    - Some of us struggle with the day-to-day stuff.
- God knows that we are sometimes going to struggle in our faith.

**Luke 22:31-32** (NLT) "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat.<sup>32</sup> But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers."

**7. We have an enemy that desires to steal our \_\_\_\_\_ faith so we will not remain in \_\_\_\_\_ faith.**

**Mark 8:15** (NLT) As they were crossing the lake, Jesus warned them, “Watch out! Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and of Herod.”

- The “Yeast of the Pharisees” that Jesus was warning against was anything that causes you to put your faith in anything other than Jesus.
  - A little yeast spreads through a lot of dough.
  - Yeast actually eats the dough.
    - In the same way, Satan knows if he can spread just a little doubt, un-checked it can rob us of our faith.

**8. One way God helps us in our faith is through \_\_\_\_\_ with other believers.**

**Romans 1:11-12** (NLT) <sup>11</sup>For I long to visit you so I can bring you some spiritual gift that will help you grow strong in the Lord. <sup>12</sup>When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours.

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**9. How God responds to our faith is not a \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Jesus chose many different ways to perform miracles in people’s lives
  - At times, He performed the miracles by just thinking it.
  - At times, He performed the miracles by just speaking it.
  - At times, He performed the miracles by just performing an action (touch, giving a command to perform, using His saliva as He touched someone).
- Biblical faith is not a contractual faith that says, “Jesus is obligated to do the miracle that I want.” Believing in contractual faith leads to:
  - Disillusionment—“Maybe God doesn’t exist.”
  - Guilt—“My flack of faith thwarted God’s plans.”
- Part of faith is accepting which miracle Jesus wants to work. (**Hebrews 11**)
- Part of faith is accepting how Jesus chooses to do the miracle in your life.

**10. Jesus wants to grow your faith for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**

- God has prepared you for your next step.

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**Things to Think About:**

1. Does your life show that you have biblical faith?
2. What steps do you need to take to grow in faith?
3. What is God calling you to trust Him with right now?

**The Book of Mark Reading Plan**

June 24-June 30: **Mark 8:27-9:13**

July 1-July 7: **Mark 9:14-50**

July 8-July 14: **Mark 10:1-52**