

Rediscover Jesus
Part 31: Jesus and the Faithless | Luke 9:37-45
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Believe in Jesus even when it's difficult to believe.

I. The desperate father (vv. 37-40)

³⁷ On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸ And behold, a man from the crowd cried out, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child.

³⁹ And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out. It convulses him so that he foams at the mouth, and shatters him, and will hardly leave him.

⁴⁰ And I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not."

II. The deficient disciples (vv. 41-43a)

⁴¹ Jesus answered, "O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here."

Luke 9:1-2 = And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal.

⁴² While he was coming, the demon threw him to the ground and convulsed him. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ⁴³ And all were astonished at the majesty of God....

III. The difficult truth (vv. 43b-45)

⁴³ ... But while they were all marveling at everything he was doing, Jesus said to his disciples, ⁴⁴ "Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men.

⁴⁵ But they did not understand this saying, and it was concealed from them, so that they might not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

Life Application

1. Have your disappointments in Jesus' disciples led you closer or farther away from Jesus himself? Persist in believing that Jesus is at work in his disciples—including you.

2. How have you exhibited being a "faithless and twisted generation"—not believing in God's Word despite all the personal ways that you have experienced his faithfulness? Repent and recall all the ways you have experienced the "majesty" (or greatness) of God.

3. Who can you intentionally help to believe in Jesus even when it's difficult to believe? Pray for wisdom, opportunities, and love to speak to them more intentionally about Jesus.