

Failure to Launch! **Part 2: In the Right Group!**

The Comedy... Opened with a comedic movie metaphor... About a guy who just can't take the step out and up into life! "35 yrs. old and still living at home... sleeping upstairs in a twin bed with Superman sheets..." "Why not? I've lived up there since I was three!"

What's funny on the screen not always funny in real life!

Real Life... Not so funny... *when being asked by God to step out...* can't, don't, or won't!

Israel at the Red Sea fizzled in fear... "Big people, big cities, tall walls..." *Gave enemies 40 more years/fortify!*
FTL always makes the future harder!

Early Church at the brink of world evangelism stepped back from the edge... New faith *enough for us...*

When God calls us to advance, to take our place in the world, and we feel hindered or overwhelmed... We take our stand on God's word, state our condition and declare His word that carries the "dunamis" power to break thru! Speak what you see but show what you know... start in the natural and end in the spirit... call what's "not yet," into "being!"

God expects us to respond to Him in faith!

Real Life... No humor when *the world is asking us for help* and we can't give it...

Matthew 17.14-21 "And when they came down from the mountain they were met by a large group. A man approached from out of the crowd and said, 'Lord, have mercy on my son, he is crazy and terribly tormented, and I brought him to Your disciples *and they couldn't help him...*' **FTL!**

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But what do you do... *When what you see is keeping you from believing what you know?* These guys have been walking w/Jesus! Have seen Him raise the dead... But what they are seeing is causing FTL! *When what you are up against makes you doubt?*

Steps Up and Out...

You start where Jesus started, you *register* the main problem... **v17** "Oh faithless (apistis: disbelieving) and perverse (diastrepho: twisting and misinterpreting) generation how long will I be with you before you understand?"

It's important to stay out of condemnation, not making it about you! "There's a problem/not the time!" It's important to stay in place and stay focused on the people with needs! You have time, maybe they don't!

Next you do what Jesus did, you get them help... **v17,18** "Bring him to Me. And Jesus rebuked the devil and he departed from him and the child was cured from that very moment!"

It's important to stay focused on people with immediate needs! *It's a good time to be part of a diverse group of believers/diverse experience!*

Last, you come back to Jesus and get help to understand FTL... **v19-21** "Then came the disciples to Him, 'Why couldn't we cast him out?' Jesus replied, '*because of your unbelief.* With the smallest amount of faith you can speak to your mountain and it will be moved, with faith nothing is impossible to you! But this kind doesn't go out without prayer and fasting!"

This is not a demon problem but a doubt problem! They knew what to do with demons!

Matthew 10.1 "And when He had called His disciples together He gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and disease!" (Luke adds: "and He called others and sent them out and they returned saying, even devils are subject to us in Your name!")

Demons... Man w/the unclean spirit. **Mk 1.23** The Gadarene Demoniac! **Mt 8.28** Dumb demoniac. **Mt 9.32** The man dumb and blind. **Mt 12.22** Syrophenician's daughter. **Mt 15.21** Deaf and dumb man. **Mt 15.29** *They had successful experience casting them out and there would be more!*

They know what to do with demons... and no one ran off to pray and fast before casting this one out... It's not a matter of Jesus being "prayed and fasted up..." that was a long time ago... This is an "I can't believe for what my eyes and senses are telling me to doubt" problem! That kind of doubt only comes out by prayer with fasting...

[Deal with prayer with fasting next week... but for now let me ask....]

Are you...In a position to help? Armed with the force of declaration? Walking in faith and not by sight? **Part of a group with diverse experience to get the job done?** Or in position to receive help for disbelieving, misinterpreted faith and function?

The world around us is crying out for someone to help them thru their heartaches and heartbreaks...

Each one of us is called to minister His life, grace, mercy, power, deliverance, and strengthening Word to those in need... And the big factors of success are true faith and the right group!

Three Groups...

The group with the needs... The group that couldn't help... The group standing with Jesus!

Wherever He is there will be success! Wherever they are gathered together in His name – there He will be with success! Easy to stay behind... let others do the climbing...