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**Believing…But Not Believing**

Mark 9:14-29

**Key Truth**: The Lord wants us to **believe** He is more than capable of taking care of His children. It’s not enough to believe for **everyone else** and not believe everything promised for yourself.

1. We are not **victims** of our circumstances!

 A. Feelings of desperation and helplessness.

 B. Concentration on source and symptoms of

 problems.

 C. Influence of our circumstances.

2. **Complacency** is a tactic of the enemy.

 A. Carelessness in our walk.

 B. Lack of **faith** is deadly.

 C. Be prepared to help others overcome unbelief.

3. Be **Victorious** children of God!

 A. Jesus reassures His children…

 B. Jesus rebukes the problem...according to His will.

 C. Jesus restores His sheep.

 D. Jesus reveals His power.

**Taking it Beyond the Walls:** Remove complacency from your spiritual walk. Recognize that you are nothing without Christ in your life and increase your faith in HIM alone for EVERYTHING!

**Food For Thought**

For The Week Of March 31, 2019

Read James 1:5-8: What does James say we should do when we pray? Why is it difficult to pray and doubt at the same time?

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18: How should our belief in Jesus Christ comfort us during the death of loved ones? Why does death seem to challenge our faith? How have you seen God work in your life during these difficult times.

Believing in Jesus Christ doesn’t mean we will never have doubt. However, living in community with other disciples will help strengthen and increase our faith. What are some ways your Connection Group have help your faith mature?

Read Matthew 17:20: In believing Jesus to accomplish great things, is the problem, needing more faith or just exercising the faith we have?

What are you believing God for?

**Make a list of those people who you know need to receive Jesus Christ, commit to praying for them weekly. Ask God for opportunities to share your faith with them and others.**