

# Help My Unbelief!

Mark 9:14-29 (preached on May 25, 2008)

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**READ** Mark 9:14-29 (OT READING: Psalm 86:1-13)

**REFLECT**

1. Consider the statement: *Our faith need not be perfect for you to believe in Jesus*. What does this mean? What does it not mean? What are some ways that you've been living as though Jesus requires "perfect" faith in order for you to be accepted and loved by him?
  
2. Generally speaking, do you feel safe and free to bring your fears, doubts, and questions before God? Do you feel welcome to do so in the Grace DC community? What would be some characteristics of such a community?
  
3. How would you respond to a friend who says, "I can't believe in Christianity unless I'm absolutely sure of everything and rid of all my doubts"?
  
4. What is dangerous about the attitude (common among religious people) which insists, "Don't raise any questions that will make me question my faith"? What does this attitude presume about the nature of Christian belief and truth?
  
5. Are there any ways you've been living as though your faith needs to be perfect in order for Jesus to act? How might you live different if you genuinely believed that God's willingness and ability to move or work isn't dependent upon your ability to believe and trust?

