

The God of Second Chances!

Mark 9: 14-29

This passage immediately follows a mountain top experience

Story is told to show the failure of the disciples and the need for faith.

I. Failure is a part of Life

- **The negative consequence of Failure** . The first part of overcoming your failure is to recognize and understand the consequences and who it affected besides yourself.
- **Lack of Faith can lead to failure.** The failure of those present to believe was a major disappointment to Jesus. Who was Jesus talking to?

II. Faith leads to Victory – it is interesting to read the discussion between Jesus and the father. The father at one point said, “If you can...? (Please) help us.”

- It basically comes down to trust.

How does your faith hold up during difficult times?

III. Keys to Overcoming Failure

- **Learn from Failure**_ We have a choice on how we respond. Dwell on your failure; Blame others; Ignore your failures or Learn. You will be a better person, a happier person, and more at peace with your life, when you understand and come to grips with the failure in your life and then move on.
- **Believe in what is Possible** Jesus says that everything is possible for him who believes. We struggle in seeing what is possible.

When you begin to believe that all things are possible, you begin to think of all the different ways that God can provide.

- **Develop Total Dependence on God** This type of demon can only come out by prayer. Disciples thought they had the power.

When we talk about second chances, many people believe that it means that everything is wiped clean and we get to try to do it again, “your way.” A second

chance with God, means that He wipes away the sin from your life, but not the consequences, and now you attempt life “God’s way.”

Conclusion: This lesson is about you and your relationship with God. He understands that you will fail. And, when you fail, He wants to catch you and help you overcome so that you will develop a greater faith in Him