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Help my Unbelief!

A man brought his son, who was possessed of a demon, to the Lord's disciples. He wanted the Master's men to cast out the evil spirit, but they could not. Jesus pinpointed the problem; the disciples' faith was lacking (Mark 9:17-19; Matthew 17:20). Accordingly the boy was brought directly to the Savior Himself. As they came near, the malignant force threw the child into a convulsion, and he fell to the ground, foaming at the mouth.

The father subsequently informed Christ that this had been going on for a long time, and the boy had suffered much damage. The man then said to Jesus, "If you can do anything, help us." Note that "if" (Mark 9:22). The Savior then said, with something of a rebuke, "If you can!" Meaning obviously: "What do you mean, if I can? All things are possible to him who believes."

The Master was saying to the father; "The issue is not my power, it is your faith!" The man obviously had some faith in Christ or he would not have approached him at all. On the other hand, his trust was not at the level it needed to be. He still had some doubts. Perhaps he was growing; but the fact is, he was struggling.

In response to Jesus' challenge, the father cried out, with the sort of agony that only a parent could know, "I believe, help my unbelief" (Mark 9:24). What a strange statement. Does it not contain what appears to be a contradiction? Jesus didn't see it that way, rather, He immediately rebuked the unclean spirit and commanded it to leave the boy - never to enter him again. (Mark 9:25).

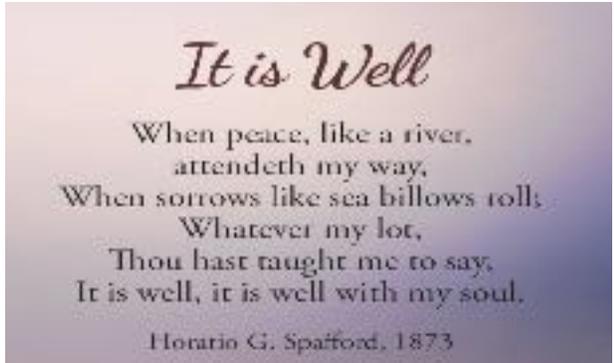
The spiritual confusion of this father is so typical of the intellectual and emotional turmoil that can plague any of us at a given moment in our lives. We know there is a God who made us. And intellectually we know that our Heavenly Father cares for us. "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not also with Him freely give us all things?" (Romans 8:32)

But, sometimes, when we are hurting so badly, our hearts overpower our heads. Our agony forces clear logic to the side and we begin to think with our feelings. We still believe, but we are angry. We feel neglected, we don't understand why the Lord doesn't rush to our call. Sometimes we pout. We refuse to talk to Him. We think we will punish Him by refusing to assemble with other Christians for worship. We may even say harsh and thoughtless things to Him, almost shaking our fist in His face.

At times like these we need to get hold of ourselves and give ourselves a good shaking. We need to cry out, "Lord, help my unbelief!" We need to ask for His patience, to weep before Him, to analyze our situation and determine if we have contributed to our own problems and if so, is there anything we can do to help remedy the circumstance. What we absolutely must not do is give in to our frustration. Once we cease struggling with our faith, and let it slide, we are headed down a slippery slope that may lead to ruin. What a horrible thought to contemplate. "Lord, I believe, but help me in my times of unbelief!"

Reminder.....

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A Mini-Series by Pastor Scott Hocker
Sundays 10:40 am & Wednesdays 6:30 pm



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UPCOMING EVENTS

at **DHBC**
Don't sit back & relax. GET INVOLVED!

Sunday 2/21

- 8:30 am
- * Choir / Music Practice 9:30 - 10:30 am
- * Sunday School - ALL Ages 10:40 am
- * Youth Led Service
- * Worship
- * Children's Worship
- * Nursery

Wednesday 2/24

- 5:30 pm
- * Prayer Warriors Meet 6:30 pm
- * Worship Service
- * Youth Bible Study

Thursday, 2/25

- 11:00 am
- * PALS

Friday, 2/26

- 1:00 - 2:30 pm
- * Food Pantry

Saturday, 2/27

- 9:30 am
- KKVV 1060 am
- "The Unashamed" 12:00 pm
- * Mixed Bible Study 5:00 pm
- * Choir Rehearsal

Desert Hills Baptist Church
MIXED ADULTS BIBLE STUDY
SATURDAYS @ 12:00 PM
Led By Judy Bowen

We are studying the book of Philippians

* Please Bring a Snack Lunch!

Desert Hills Baptist Church invites you to...

Food Truck Jamboree

Thursday, April 1, 2021
6:30 - 8:30 pm

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Community UPDATE

DHBC Protocol Reminder

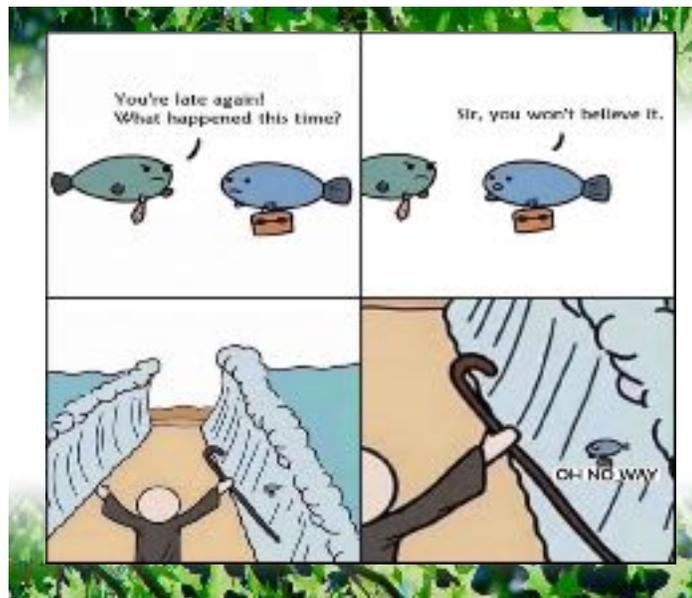
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