

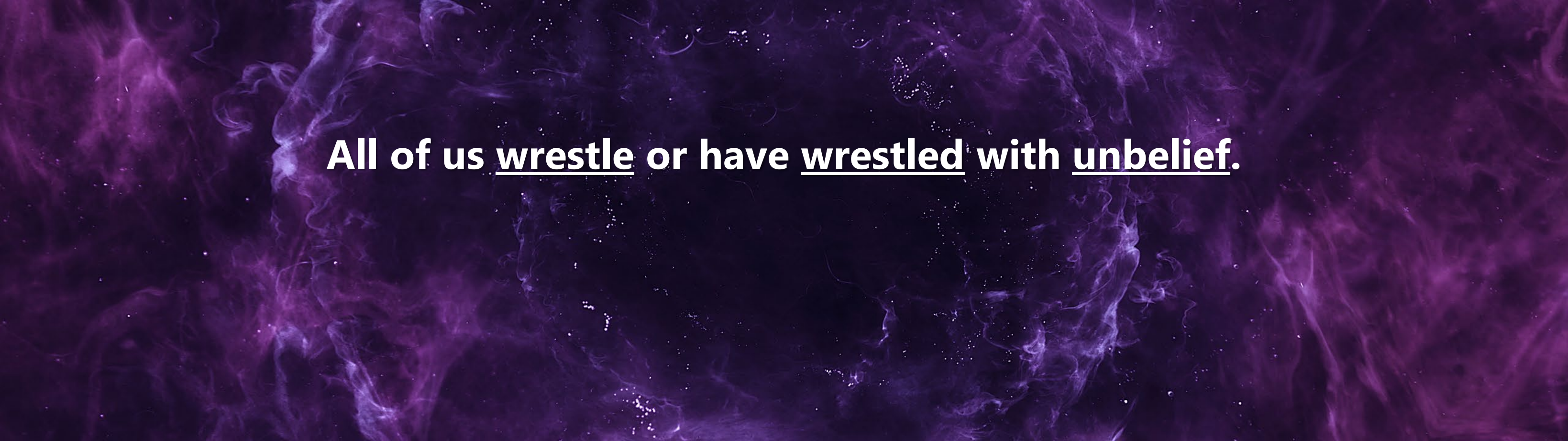
I believe...

Help My Unbelief



Mark 9:14-29

(p. 973)



All of us wrestle or have wrestled with unbelief.

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And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵ And immediately all the crowd, when they saw Him, were greatly amazed and ran up to Him and greeted Him. ¹⁶ And He asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷ And someone from the crowd answered Him, "Teacher, I brought my son to You, for he has a

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spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸ And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹ And He answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me." ²⁰ And they brought the boy to Him. And

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when the spirit saw Him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²² And it has often cast him into fire and into water,

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to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³ And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!"

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A heart of unbelief is often formed through repeated disappointment.




To believe is to trust.

Mark 9:19 (p. 973)

And He answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me."

Mark 9:20 (p. 973)

And they brought the boy to Him. And when the spirit saw Him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth.



Often our faith is tested by an escalating problem as we come closer to a spiritual breakthrough.

Mark 9:21-22 (p. 973)

And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²² And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."



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And Jesus said to him, "If you can!
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Mark 9:24 (p. 973)

Immediately the father of the child cried out
and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!"

A vibrant purple nebula with wispy, ethereal clouds of gas and dust, set against a dark, star-filled background. The colors range from deep indigo to bright magenta, creating a sense of cosmic wonder and depth.

• My faith is a gift from God

Mark 9:25-26 (p. 973)

And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶ And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead."



Mark 9:27 (p. 973)

But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

Mark 9:28-29 (p. 973)

And when He had entered the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹ And He said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."