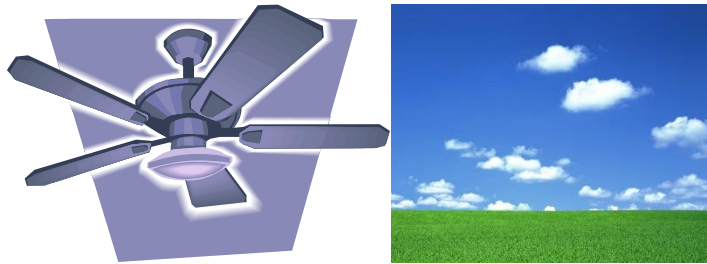


DISCIPLES OF FAITH AND CONFIDENCE

Read *Mark 9:14 – 29*.



Introduction: What point do you think can be illustrated by the two pictures above?

1. The limitations caused by faithlessness.

- Why couldn't they help this boy?
- As disciples of Christ, what good results do we sometimes hinder by a lack of faith?

2. The unlimited potential of faith.

- What does "everything" mean in verse 23?
- As disciples of Christ, what is possible for us by faith?

3. "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief."

- While this seems to be a self-contradictory statement, can you identify with the confidence yet humility of what this man is saying?
- As disciples of Christ, how can you apply the combination of confidence and humility of this request to your own prayers?

Other Scriptures: Ephesians 3:20 - 21; Hebrews 4:16; Ephesians 3:12

Conclusion: Is the ceiling your limit; or is the sky your limit?

"If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

Matthew 21:22

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