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Jesus and the Powerless Disciples

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Introduction: Common view of Christians: I _____!

Luke 9:37-43, "The next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met him. A man in the crowd called out, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. A spirit seizes him and he suddenly screams; it throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It scarcely ever leaves him and is destroying him. I begged your disciples to drive it out, but they could not.' 'You unbelieving and perverse generation,' Jesus replied, 'how long shall I stay with you and put up with you? Bring your son here.' Even while the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground in a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the impure spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father. And they were all amazed at the greatness of God."

Important Fact: _____ had already _____ them the _____.

Luke 9:1-2, "When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick."

Truth: God has given us everything we need to _____ for _____.

Philippians 4:13, "I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

Ephesians 3:20, "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us..."

Reality: We _____.

Reasons:

- We _____.

Matthew 17:19-20a, "Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, 'Why couldn't we drive it out?' He replied, 'Because you have so little faith...'"

- We lack the _____.

Proverbs 16:18, "Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall."

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Examples from this Encounter...

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Luke 9:46, "An argument started among the disciples as to which of them would be the greatest."

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Luke 9:49-50, "'Master,' said John, 'we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we tried to stop him, because he is not one of us.' 'Do not stop him,' Jesus said, 'for whoever is not against you is for you.'"

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Luke 9:54-55, "When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, 'Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?' But Jesus turned and rebuked them."

• We lack _____.

Mark 9:28-29, "After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, 'Why couldn't we drive it out?' He replied, 'This kind can come out only by prayer.'

James 4:2b, "You do not have because you do not ask God."

Application: In order to successfully live for Him, we must live _____ in _____.

John 15:5, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

• It takes _____.

Ephesians 2:8-9, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast."

• It takes the _____.

Proverbs 4:23, "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

• It takes _____.

James 5:16b, "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."

Conclusion: The view God wants for Christians: I _____ through _____.