

to God for help! *However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting (Matthew 17:21).* How easy it is to seriously pray, but how often forgotten when we fail to do what our Lord wants us to accomplish. Of course, it is so easy to just conclude it must have been the Lord's will that we fail. However, if God tells us to do, then he gives us what we need to do it. For example, it might be easy to conclude that no one wants to hear the gospel in Marshfield because someone turned down our invitation to study with us or to come to worship. But this is an incorrect conclusion (*I Corinthians 3:7*). We must ask ourselves, did we seriously pray and continue to pray? Unbelief can keep us from turning to our God for help! We must be assured that even with mustard seed faith we have what we need to trust God without doubting.

We read in Matthew 17:14-16 that it is the father who brings to Jesus the news that the disciples failed to cure the child. You would think the narrative would have read that it was the disciples who ran to Jesus saying that they couldn't cure this seriously afflicted child. Shouldn't they have been the ones seeking help from Jesus for this child on behalf of the child's father? Is it too easy to give up when we fail?

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NEED SOME REALLY GOOD EXERCISE?? HOW ABOUT RUNNING FROM EVIL??



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Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 AM

Worship: 10:30 AM / 6 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 PM

Thursday

Ladies Bible Class: 9:30 AM

Sun. Morning

Radio & TV

KTXR 101.3 FM

Lifeline 7:15 AM

Channel 10

Search 7:00 AM

Living Word, 7:30 AM

Channel 33

Know Your Bible, 10:30 AM

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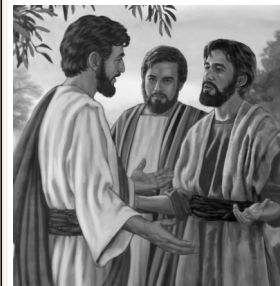
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BULLETIN

Why Could We Not?

Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" (Matthew 17:19).

The disciples of Jesus were grappling with failure when they attempted to cast a demon from a seriously afflicted child. Scripture tells us, *And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him" (Matthew 17:14-18).*



For the disciples, the question, "**Why could we not?**" was pressing enough on them that they questioned Jesus as to why they were unable to take care of the child's serious needs. It would be extremely difficult to assume that the disciples were not touched emotionally by the appeals of a desperate father and the struggles of this demon possessed child. The child's severe suffering, including falling into fire and water, would have been difficult to ignore. Thankfully, our Lord was able to immediately cure this child, ending what must have been a living nightmare for the father and the child.

Interestingly, the disciples were not left without an answer to their privately asked question, "**Why could we not?**" Fortunately, Jesus was direct and precisely clear with them as to their problem. *So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you" (Matthew 17:20).* Jesus draws a visual picture by using the uncommonly small mustard seed as an example. Our Lord wants his disciples to see that when something appears impossible, the impossible becomes possible with faith as small as a mustard seed!

Included in the disciples' unbelief was a failure to take a second step and turn

Privileged to Serve

Worship

Coordinator: Bobby Lewis

Announcements: Tim Brashears

Sunday AM

Before Service Greeters:

Terry Cruise & Helen Marchand

After Services Greeters:

Kay Lewis & Ruth McMasters

Songleader: Jeff Fisher

Lord's Table

*John Marchand, William Dill, Steve Crews, Robert Comer

Opening Prayer: Dennis

Richardson

Closing Prayer: Jim Cruise

Sermon: Rick Bright

Sunday PM

Before & After Services

Greeters: Thad & Patsy Layne

Songleader: Scot Greer

Lord's Table: Ron Peck

Opening Prayer: Terry

McMasters

Closing Prayer: Alan Lamb

Sermon: Rick Bright

Wed. Night

Before & After Services

Greeters: Betty Sheppard & Beverly Bram

Devotional: Ron Thompson

Songleader: John Marchand

Prayer: Roy Phillips

News and Announcements:

Welcome Visitors

Please leave a record of your visit by filling out a visitor's card and placing it in the collection plate.



The Power of the Gospel in Kenya: Brother Bob Lewis will be speaking next Sunday morning. He will share with us how the power of the gospel has reached the Maasai people. Bob's presentation will show us slides from his recent trip and work in Kenya.

Youth Devotional and Fellowship Day: Sunday afternoon February 24, food and crafts will begin at 4 p.m. for our young people here at the building.
Devotional: Love in Action

Sunday Sundaes! On Sunday evening, February 24, all the kids 12 and under are invited to McDonalds after worship for free ice cream sundaes.



Kid Sing starts at 6 p.m. this evening.

Wed. Adult Class - "King David and the other woman," a look at marriage, divorce and remarriage.



On your Agenda!

February 24— Youth Fellowship at 4
February 24—Youth Focus
February 24—Sunday Sundaes
March 3—Fellowship Dinner
March 10—Sing at Nursing Homes
March 10—Men's Business Meeting
March 17—Youth Night
April 12—Widow/Widowers Luncheon

Questions and Answers:

Who could be described as the greatest financier in the Bible?

Answer: Noah -- he was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

What is the best way to get to Paradise?

Answer: The Truth - Turn right and go straight.

Remember in Prayer:

The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. James 5:16

* indicates members at Marshfield

Ken Bebee, Helen Marchand's son-in-law, will have surgery February 21

Greg Bright is improving and able to speak names.

Ken Cooksey has stage 4 renal failure and other health issues.

***Donna Demshar** will have a heart procedure on March 13 and an angioplasty on Monday.

Easton Gage, Dick Kimble's great grandson, is improving and they are considering giving him some food orally.

Mary Harrison, Amber Heistand's grandmother, is recuperating from a broken hip.

Geneva Howe has been having trouble with her blood levels.

Marsha Kammerer, daughter-in-law of Ernestine Sandoz, has cancer and will have surgery Monday.

Doris Letterman, Connie Isis's sister, has pain in her legs and is having trouble walking.

Keith McHenry continues to have a multitude of health problems while waiting for a kidney donor.

Tye McMasters is at his grandparents in Mt. Vernon awaiting a surgical procedure.

Morelia, in Colombia, is suffering from throat and tonsil problems.

* **John Nash** has basal cell carcinoma and severe arthritis pain.

Curtis Pankey is being kept sedated because he gets really agitated when he wakes up.

Donna Plummer's blood work showed she does not need chemo.



Birthdays

Easton Hyder
Cloah Hampton

Anniversaries

No Feb. anniversaries

* **Roy Phillips** is recuperating at home and working to avoid common infections.

Micaiah Sedlacek, JoAnne's nephew, is having severe hip pain.

Issie Tabor (13), whose family used to worship here, has had cancer 2 or 3 times and it is growing again.

James Taylor, a friend of the Hydres, is battling cancer.

Lorella Treadway, Norma Nash's sister-in-law, will have her kidney transplant soon.

Dan Wampler, Nacho's boss, has lung cancer.

Ron Webb, Pat Cruise's cousin, whose chemo treatments are no longer working.

Remember The Homebound

- **Judy Barrow** (Webco)
- **Bonnie Doherty** (Webco East)
- **Ina Gillette** (Colonial Springs in Buffalo)
- **Estelline Jones** (Home)
- **Pat Lamb** (Marshfield Care Center)
- **Zoe Lawless** of Conway (Webco)
- **Rosalie Rosenberger** (Thad Layne's sister) is in a nursing home in Jacksonville, FL.



Record for February 10

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| Sunday AM | 90 |
| Sunday PM | cancelled due to weather |
| Wed. PM | 101 |
| Total Contribution: | \$2154 |
| 2019 Contribution Budget | \$2416 |

*Together we sharpen one another
Proverbs 27:17*

