

We Have no Power Outside of Christ (Luke 9:37-45)

I. The Power of the Believer is only in Jesus Christ (37-41)

A. Jesus' Disciples are unable to Help a demonized boy (37-40)

1. A Father Seeks Jesus to Help for His Son (37-39)

a. The Man Begged Jesus for help (37-38)

b. The Man's Son was plagued with demonic activity (39)

- The father came to the right man

- There is no other that can help

2. The Disciples Were Unable to Help the boy (40)

a. "They could not do anything"

b. Remember these were the disciples that had returned from mission after Jesus gave them power to heal and over all spirits. Why could they not help the man? What was their problem? They should have been able to handle it right?

B. Jesus Rebukes His Disciples (41)

1. they lacked faith – (faithless generation)

2. The disciples began to try to minister on their own

3. They had tried in their own power and authority to help

4. They had forgotten that Jesus is the one that heals

II. The Demonstration of Jesus' Power (41b-45)

A. Jesus Accomplished What the Disciples could not (41b-43)

1. The demon, faced with real power made one last attempt

a. Threw him down

b. Convulsed Him

c. He knew that now he would face the Son of God

2. The Demon was Cast out by Jesus (42b)

a. Jesus rebuked the demon

i. He had just rebuked his disciples

b. Jesus healed the boy

c. Jesus returned Him to his father

A. Jesus' Accomplishment Marveled the Crowd (43a)

1. So often we get sidetracked into thinking the miracles are the most important things

2. We want that power, like Simon Magus

3. We revel in that power

4. Yet without dependance and faith on Christ, there is no power

III. The Reason For Jesus' Power (43b-45)

A. Jesus Would not Let the Disciples Lose Focus on the Most important thing (43b)

1. Jesus would not let the miracle overshadow the mission

a. While people were marveling and amazed

b. Jesus makes sure the disciples understand

i. "Let these words sink into your ears"

c. The son of man is about to be delivered into the hands of men

2. This is the Reason that the disciples couldn't perform miracle
 - a. they weren't following Christ
 - b. They were using Him
 - c. They were reveling in the power instead of depending on Him
3. The Disciples Didn't Yet Understand (45)
 - a. Jesus hadn't gone to the cross yet
 - b. "It was concealed from them"
 - c. They were given only what they needed to know
 - d. They had to depend on Him
 - c. They may have been cocky after their mission
 - f. Now they knew that it was not their power but Jesus'
4. The Disciples were afraid to Ask Him about these things
 - a. They were humbled
 - b. they were shamed
 - c. They were confused