



# NOTHING IMPOSSIBLE

Jesus comes down from Mount Hermon (see Matthew 17:14-21; Mark 9:14-29; Luke 9:37-42). Along with him are Peter, James, and John. They have just witnessed something so magnificent—the transfigured Christ talking with Moses & Elijah of his coming death (Matthew 17:1-13). It was so magnificent that Peter wanted to worship all three of them, but he was quickly corrected by God Himself. It was so magnificent that Jesus entrusted them to tell no man of the occasion until after his resurrection.

As Jesus, James, John, and Peter descended the mountain, the other nine apostles were surrounded by a multitude of people and were being questioned argumentatively by scribes. Mark says, “straightway all the people, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed, and running to him saluted him” (Mark 9:15). I get this picture of children on a playground at school. One large group is . . .

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*This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).*

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**VISITORS,  
WELCOME!**

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

1:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes for  
all ages & Pew Packers  
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. . . surrounding a smaller group and pushing them around and bullying them. But when the teacher arrives, the bullies immediately turn to the teacher surprised that she was there and acting as if they are in her good graces. Jesus asked the scribes, "About what are you questioning my disciples?" (Mark 9:16). The scribes remained silent. "There came to him a



certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying, Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water" (Matthew 17:15). Mark tells us the man's son is possessed by a demon that has caused him to have fits like epileptic seizures, to be convulsed, foam at the mouth, to grind his teeth, and wither all of his energy. "And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him" (Matt 17:16).

Jesus chose his twelve apostles to go to the lost sheep of Israel: "And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils" (Matt 10:7-8). Their purpose in performing miracles was to confirm their message of Jesus was from God. On this occasion, they failed; they were not able to cast out the demon.

Further investigation reveals there was a malignancy. When a tumor is removed from your body and sent to the lab for testing, you want the report to come back as benign. For, if it comes back as malignant, it means the tumor is cancerous, spreading, and causing damage as it spreads. The cancer or malignancy of the scribes, the multitude, the man, and the disciples was: lack of faith. The scribes' lack of faith is evident in the fact that they were "questioning" or "arguing" with the disciples. The multitude's lack of faith is seen in the exclamation of Jesus: "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you?" (Matthew 17:17). The disciples' lack of ...

... faith is bluntly revealed by Jesus when after all was over they privately asked him, "Why could we not cast out this demon?" Jesus responded: "Because of your unbelief" (Matthew 17:20). The epileptic boy's father's lack of faith is seen in his statement to Jesus, "If you can" as if there was a possibility that Jesus could not. Jesus' response was, "If you can." There should be no question about Jesus' ability; rather, the burden was turned on the father's ability to believe. This man's reaction is the most honorable because he recognized his unbelief. "Straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord

I believe; help thou mine unbelief" (Mark 9:24). Have we examined our own faith deficiencies and turned to Jesus for help?

*—written by Clifton Angel*

## *Sermon Review*

### **THE DEVIL'S DEVICES**

(Genesis 3:1–5)

- I. A MASTERFUL MINISTER (1a)
- II. A MANIPULATED MESSAGE (1b–5)

### **MORDECAI & HAMAN: SOMETHING FROM NOTHING & SOMETHING TO NOTHING**

Esther 5 & 6

- I. THIS AVAILETH ME NOTHING (5:13)
- II. THERE IS NOTHING DONE (6:3)
- III. LET NOTHING FAIL (6:10)

### **UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS**

1. Nov 22: Area-Wide Youth Devo @ Looxahoma  
6pm; Bring chairs, taking place at park next door
2. Dec 12: Youth Devo & Tacky Santa @ Angels'  
6 pm, wear tacky Christmas apparel, bring a gag gift that cost less than \$10, and bring a finger food! All invited, including younger children.

REMEMBER NOW THY  
**CREATOR** Ecclesiastes 12:1

**THANKS  
TO ALL WHO  
PARTICIPATED IN THE  
BIBLE BOWL,  
ESPECIALLY OUR  
CHILDREN**

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

Several of our number traveling; **Wiley & Betty Tuggle**; **Helen Bowman**.

**NetCasters**  
**Fishers of Men**  
**Far East Missions**

### Family & Friends

**Bill Fleming**, Billie Martin's father, heart stints Monday, heart attack Thursday; **Vallie Ann Reecer**, friend to Lara, breast cancer; **Cadiz church of Christ**, in tragic death of an elder, his wife, and daughter; **Arnold Smith**, Cindy Rodgers' father; **Janet Colvett**, receiving treatment; **Joy Angel**, Clifton's older sister, continually battles brain disease, but has new symptoms about which she is uncertain; **John Smith**, Grace's brother-in-law, colon cancer; **Andrew Jones**, friend of Weslyn's, battling cancer; **Elizabeth Baker**; **John & Anita Simpson** and family; **Paul Perkins**, Mischel's father; **Janie Brister**; **Jason Spencer**, several serious health problems; **Ray Hendrix**, lymphoma; **Carole Livsey**, Clifton's aunt, lymphoma; **Trent Childers**; **Amanda Cummings**, young mother with cancer; **Danielle Key**, young mother with cancer; **Andy's grandmother**; **Carla Carlson**; **Ava Roten**, **Brett Rutherford**; **Frankie Burfield**, cancer; **Jack Higginbotham**; **Tasha Higginbotham**; **Lauren Harrell**, breast cancer; **James Cooper**, Jan's brother, cancer; **Marie Sims**; **Renee Loya**, Parkinson's, MS, & dystonia; **Eli Williams**; **Ray Maples**; **Martha Hatfield**, Lynn's grandmother, cancer; **Virginia Johnson**, lung cancer; **Mac Owen**; **Bob Spurlin**; **Ally Jo Kelly**; **Brad & Sheri Daniel**.

### Birthdays

11/5 Rachel Wilkes  
11/14 Shirley Yarbrow  
11/14 Kara Johnson  
11/18 Timothy Wilkes, Sr.  
11/25 Wiley Tuggle  
11/26 Virginia Sowell

### Anniversaries

11/8 Jeremy & Mindy Moore

## Get Involved!

**Looxahoma Area-Wide Youth Devo -- Nov 22**  
6 PM at park next to building, bring chairs

**Convalescence Center Devo -- Nov 26 -- 10 AM**

**Coldwater Singing Night -- Nov 26 -- 7 PM**

**5th Sunday Service -- Nov 30 -- 1 PM**

**Sunday Afternoon for the Savior -- Dec 7**

**Youth Devo & Tacky Santa at Angels' -- Dec 12**  
6 pm, wear tacky Christmas apparel, bring a gag gift that cost less than \$10 to , and bring a finger food! All invited, including younger children.

**Providence Place Devo -- Dec 14 -- 2 PM**

## Privileged to Serve

Sunday, November 16

### Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jeffrey Ferrell
Announcements	Jerry Davis
Song Leader	Jared Brown
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jeremy Moore

Assist

	Ron Johnson
	Jerry Davis
Opening Prayer	Jason Bayless
Sermon	Andy Ratliff
Closing Prayer	Clifton Angel
	Johnny Bayless

### Afternoon

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Opening Prayer	Chris Martin
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Ron Johnson
	Jeremy Moore
Closing Prayer	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.

Wednesday, November 19

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Prayer	Jason Bayless
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jerry Davis