



**WHY COULDN'T WE DO IT?
MATTHEW 17:14 – 21**

REFERENCE SCRIPTURE(S)

Matthew 10:1–7, John 17:5, Ephesians 6:13–17

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

The background of this passage highlights the disciples' struggle with their faith and their need for greater trust in God's power. It also emphasizes the importance of faith in accomplishing miraculous works. The encounter with the demon-possessed boy serves as a teaching moment for Jesus to instruct His disciples on the significance of faith and the need for prayer and fasting in certain situations. Overall, this passage highlights the ongoing training and development of the disciples as they learn from Jesus and witness His authority over demonic forces.

Q & A

1. When the disciples were alone with Jesus they asked, “Why could we not cast it out?” What led them to think they could cast demons out of the boy?

2. Explain how living of the will of God places the believer in an inferior position.

3. Why do you think Jesus expressed disappointment in the disciples’ lack of faith?

4. It was not until the disciples were alone with Jesus when they asked, “Why could we not cast it out”? Why do you think they waited until they were alone to question Jesus?



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Q & A (CONTINUED)

5. In the sermon Pastor Williams said, “Somethings are based on authorization, not relationship.” What does this statement mean?

APPLICATION QUESTION

Reflect on a time when you felt like disciples, struggling with doubts or inadequacy in your faith. How did you overcome those doubts, and what was the outcome?

DISCUSSION/ACTIVITY

WORD OF THE WEEK

*“Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.”
– Psalm 36:5*

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Pray for our Capital Campaign Leadership Team:

- Stan & Vee Boddie, Campaign Facilitators
- Sandra Roberts, Administrative Assistant
- Sandra Cowins & Will Joshua, Promotion Directors
- Sylvia Carter, Prayer Director
- Larry & Brenda Todd, Fellowship Directors
- Deacon Earnest Lance & Minister Anthony Roberts, Leadership Commitment Directors
- Alvernia Johnson & Patrice Peterson, Invitation Directors