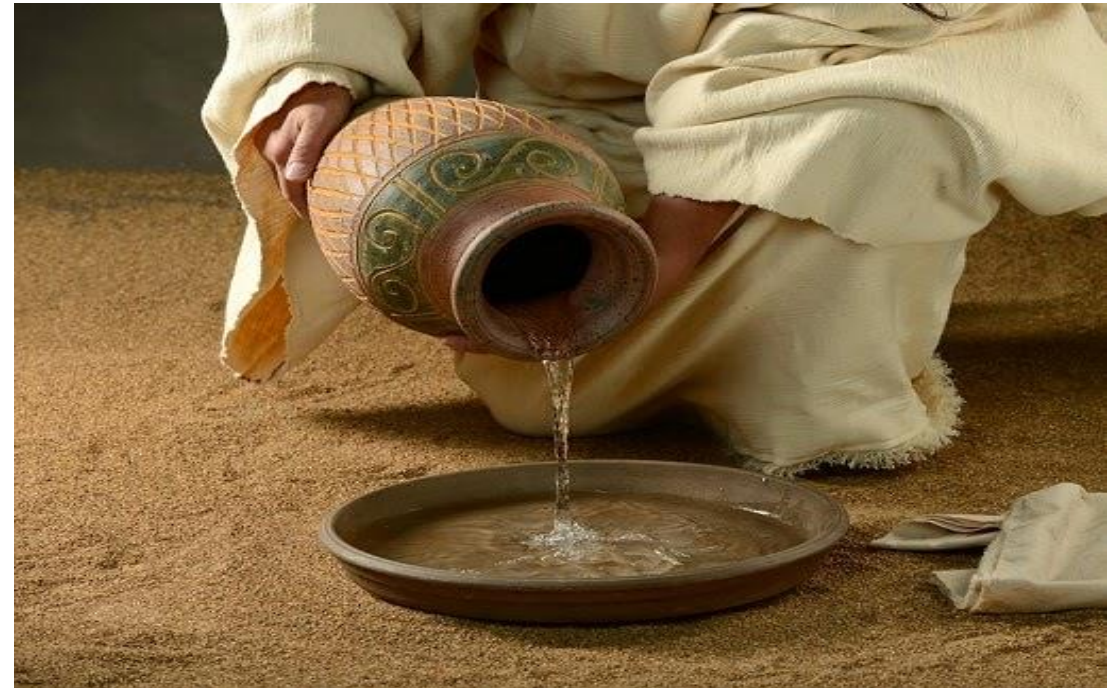

The Power of God to Serve

Matthew 17:14-23



the
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according to
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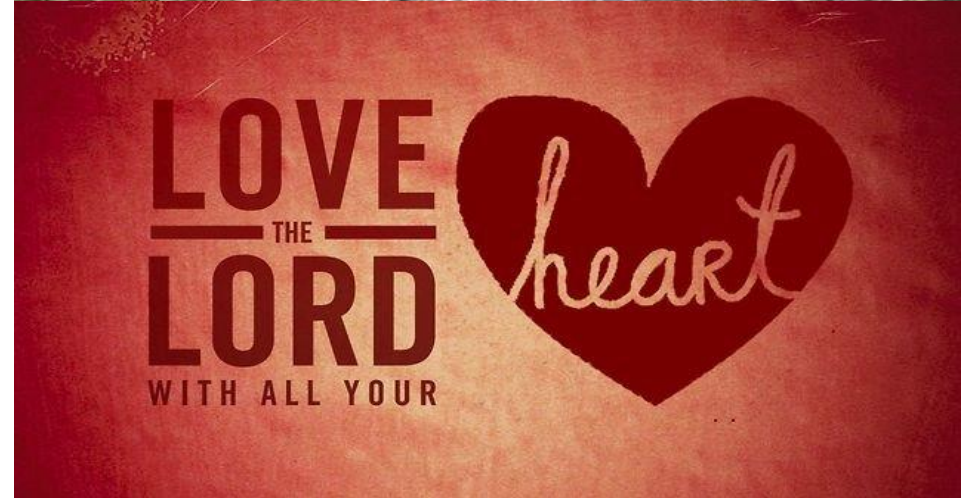
HLCE Theme 2025

Year of Service

***Come Follow Jesus
Love and Serve Him!***

Matthew 20:28

***Jesus came not to be
served but to serve***



Matthew 17:1-13

The Glorious Transfiguration

*The mountain top
experience is to prepare
us for service and growth
to glorify God*

**We must go down
to the valley of service**



Matthew 17:14-23

The Power of God to Serve

***Serve with the Strength
of God for His Glory***

1 Peter 4:11

*If anyone serves, they should do
so with the strength God provides,
so that in all things God may be
praised through Jesus Christ.
To him be the glory and the
power for ever and ever. Amen.*



Matt 17:14-23 Healing of the demon-possessed boy

¹⁴ When they came to the crowd, a man approached Jesus and knelt before him. ¹⁵ 'Lord, have mercy on my son,' he said. 'He has seizures and is suffering greatly.

He often falls into the fire or into the water.

¹⁶ I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him.'

¹⁷ 'You unbelieving and perverse generation,' Jesus replied, 'how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me.' ¹⁸ Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed at that moment.

19 Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, 'Why couldn't we drive it out?' 20 He replied, 'Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, "Move from here to there," and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.'

(v 21: But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting)

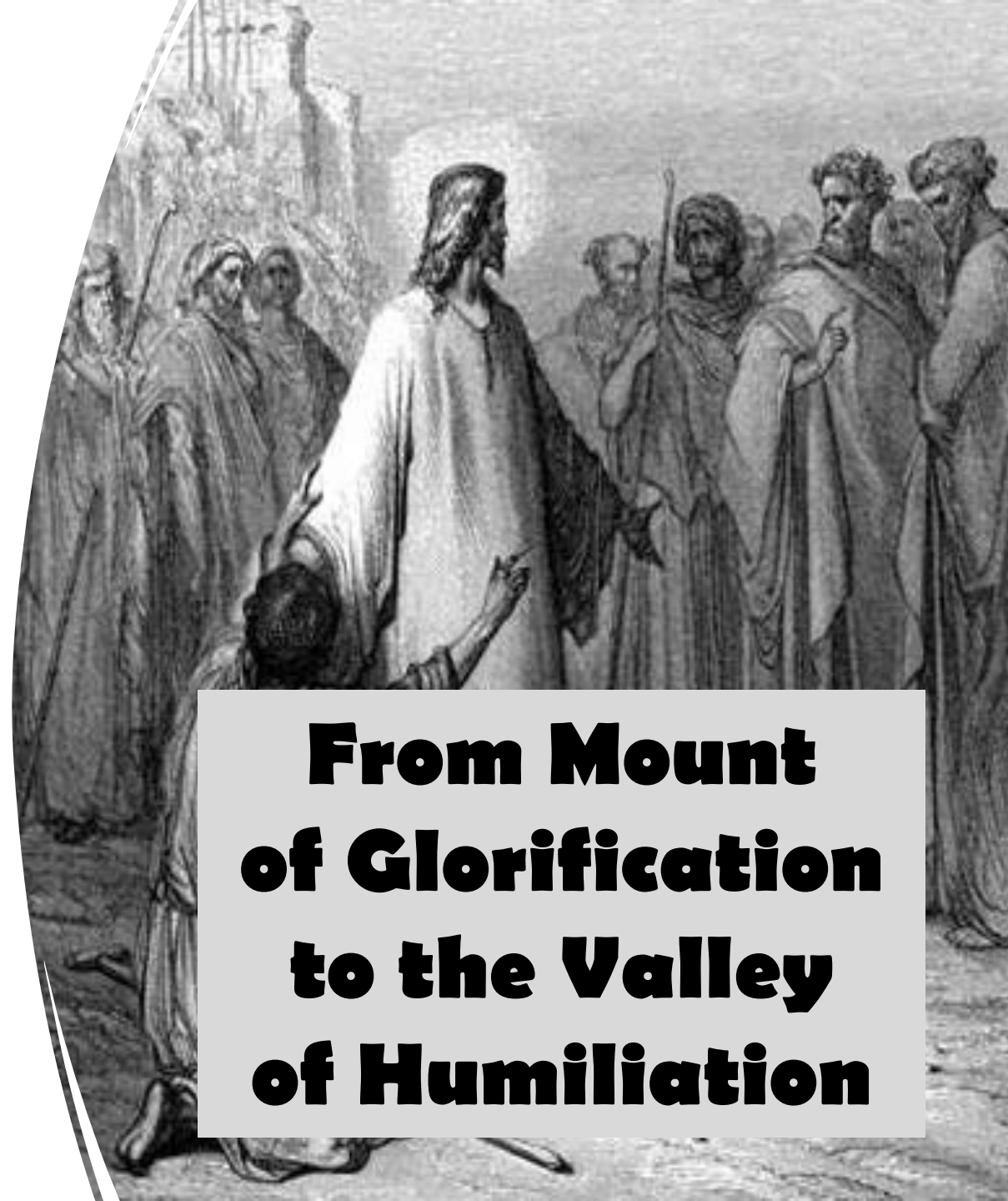
22 When they came together in Galilee, he said to them, 'The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. 23 They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to life.' And the disciples were filled with grief.

A Desperate Father

The disciples couldn't heal his demon-possessed son

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**From Mount
of Glorification
to the Valley
of Humiliation**

**Jesus was distressed and
in sorrow with their unbelief**

*17 'You unbelieving and
perverse generation...*

Bring the boy here to me.'

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and it came out of the boy, and
he was healed at that moment.*

**Jesus Healed Out of
His Power and
Compassion**



The Desperate Disciples

19 Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, 'Why couldn't we drive it out?'

They felt powerless

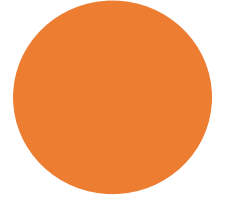
They were doing well!

Matthew 10:1

They were sent out

Mark 6:12-13

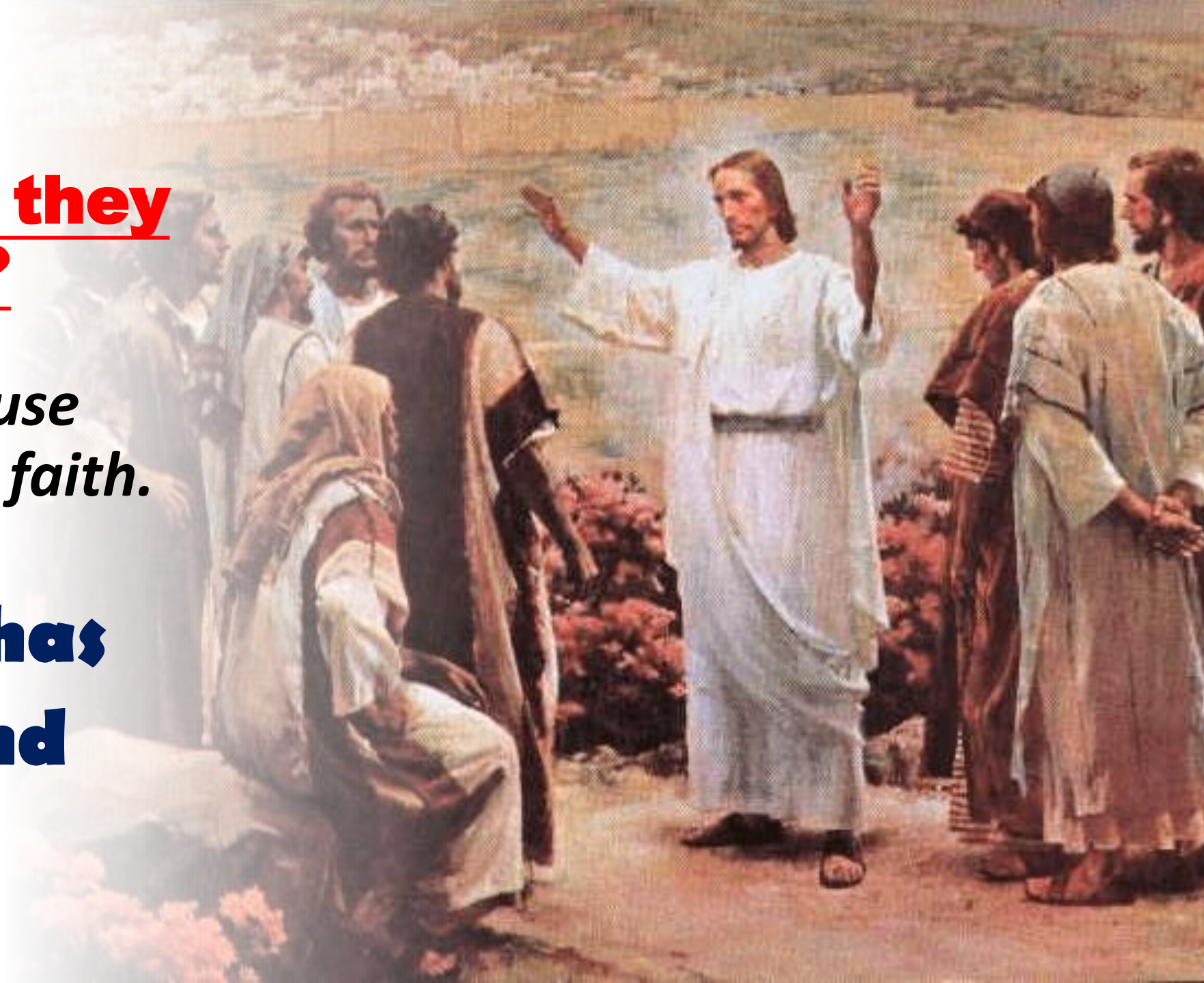
They healed and drove out demons



**Why couldn't they
heal the boy?**

*He replied, 'Because
you have so little faith.'*

**Their Faith has
Shrunk and
Ineffective**



They have lost their faith in God

Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, “Move from here to there,” and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.’



Faith as small as a mustard seed will move mountain!

Faith that moves Mountain

A metaphor for doing what was seemingly impossible.

Isaiah 54:10 ESV

For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you...

They Don't have it!



A Metaphor

**They have lost their trust
and dependent on God**

Their Faith was Misplaced

*Faith based on past experiences of
miracles & success not on God Himself*

**They have neglected to
cultivate their faith in God**

We need Persevering Faith in God

Not just a moment but a life time of faith



The Remedy: Personal Faith in God

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The Crucified and Risen Christ

The Unchangeable Love and Power of Christ on the Cross



The Way to God's Power



Prayer and Fasting

Verse 21: But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting

Mark 9:29 'This kind can come out only by prayer'.

Cultivate Our Faith in God

As a child to a Father

In love relationship with God

Dependent and Trust in God

The Power to Serve

Are you in the Valley of Humiliation?

Serve with the Strength of God

All God-pleasing service is done in the moment-by-moment reliance upon God's service-enabling power."

The work we have to do is Believe in Jesus

John 6:29

*'The work of God is this:
to believe in the one he has sent.'*

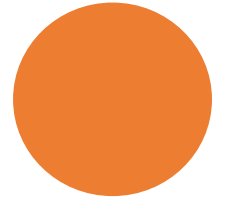


The Way to His Power

**Look to the Crucified
and Risen Christ**

*Be Strengthened by
the Love and Power
of Christ on the Cross*

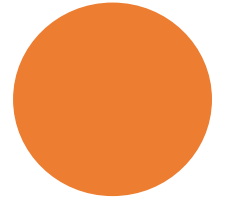
**Have a Personal
Faith in Jesus**



Pray! Fast!

*Faith in God
Unlocks His power*

**His power will be
released to us!**



Pray! Fast!

Cultivate Our Faith in God

Communion with God

Come to Me/Abide in Me/in His word

Abide in Christ Before You Advance for Christ

Be Like a Child

*Express our dependent
and trust in Him*



***Come Follow Jesus
Love and Serve Him!***

Have Faith in God, Be Dependent on Him



Live & Serve with the Passion & Power of the Cross