

A FAILING OF FAITH
MARK 6:1-6

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BACKDROP

- ✘ Mark's account of the gospel of Christ is somewhat different; Christ's birth is not covered and no reference to the beginning.
- ✘ Mark gives a brief synopsis of John the Baptist's work in Judea. **Mark 1:1-8.**
- ✘ The Lord's public ministry begins. **Mark 1:14-15.**
- ✘ From the outset, many were simply "amazed" at what the Lord was doing in the lives of those He met. **Mark 1:27.**
- ✘ Consequently, His "fame spread throughout all the region around Galilee." **Mark 1:28**

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- ✘ From there, Jesus would –
 - + Relieve a man of an unclean spirit in a synagogue in Capernaum. **Mark 1:21-28**
 - + Heal Peter's mother-in-law. **Mark 1:29-31**
 - + Deliver many who were sick and demon-possessed. **Mark 1:32-34**
 - + Preach throughout Galilee and cast out demons. **Mark 1:35-39**
 - + Cleanse a leper in Galilee. **Mark 1:40-44**
 - + Heal and forgive a paralytic man in Capernaum. **Mark 2:1-12**

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- + Restore a man's withered hand on the Sabbath. **Mark 3:1-6**
 - + Assemble his team (12 apostles). **Mark 3:13-19**
 - + Order and rebuke the wind and calm the storm. **Mark 4:33-41**
 - + Deliver the demon-possessed man of the Gadarenes, who dwelt among the tombs. **Mark 5:1-17**
 - + Bring Jairus' daughter back to life. **Mark 5:21-24, 35-43**
 - + Heal the woman with the 12-year flow of blood issue. **Mark 5:25-34**

**AFTER TEACHING AND HEALING OUTSIDE
HIS HOMETOWN OF NAZARETH, JESUS IS
SET TO RETURN.**

**THE HOMETOWN BOY COMES BACK WITH
BLESSINGS TO BOOT!**

**BUT, A CHILLY AND STRANGE RECEPTION
AWAITS HIM!!**

The Lord ventured to perform mighty works in the lives of his people, but they were simply not receptive and He was limited due to their lack of faith!

Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching. Mark 6:5-6

RECOUNT FAITH'S TESTIMONIALS . . .

- ✘ *When He saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son your sins are forgiven you.” . . . “I say to you arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”* **Mark 2:5,11**
- ✘ *And He said to her, “Daughter your faith has made you well. Go in peace and be healed of your affliction.”* **Mark 5:34**

NOTICE WHAT WAS NOT LACKING . . .

- ✘ Opportunity
 - + Sometimes we grumble about fortune not smiling on us
- ✘ Resources
- ✘ Favor
- ✘ Connections

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- ✘ Perhaps their own self-doubt, prejudice and shallow thinking took over.
 - ✘ Or maybe they believed what others said about them!
 - ✘ Remember, upon being told by Philip that he had found the messiah, Nathanael asked, “Can any thing good come out of Nazareth?” **John 1:46**

P.J. WOODARD'S ASPIRATION(S)

- ✘ Bachelors degree in Psychology
- ✘ Master's degree
- ✘ Medical school to concentrate on mental and emotional sciences.
- ✘ Wants to practice psychiatry.
- ✘ Brother, I believe in you! With God's help, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.
- ✘ "Who knows, I may be your first patient."

As the Apostle Paul notes –

*GOD IS ABLE TO DO EXCEEDINGLY ABUNDANTLY
ABOVE ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK,
ACCORDING TO THE POWER THAT WORKS IN
US. **Ephesians 3:20***

QUESTION???

Do we render God's favor and blessing of null effect by our lack of faith and/or disobedience?

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- ✘ God, you know that's not who I am, I guess I can never be as loving as I should.
 - ✘ I have tried more times than I care to think about, but I have always failed.
 - + ***For a righteous man may fall seven times and rise again, but the wicked shall fall by calamity. Proverbs 24:16***

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- ✘ Many times God wants to bless us but we limit Him.
 - ✘ At critical moments, doubt, fear, feelings of inadequacy creep in and set us back.
 - ✘ We all have our seasons (i.e., moments and periods) of doubt, fear and other success-depriving feelings.
 - ✘ They should just be for a season – momentary.
 - + . . . Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. **Psalms 30:5**

But doubts and fears often linger much longer than they should.

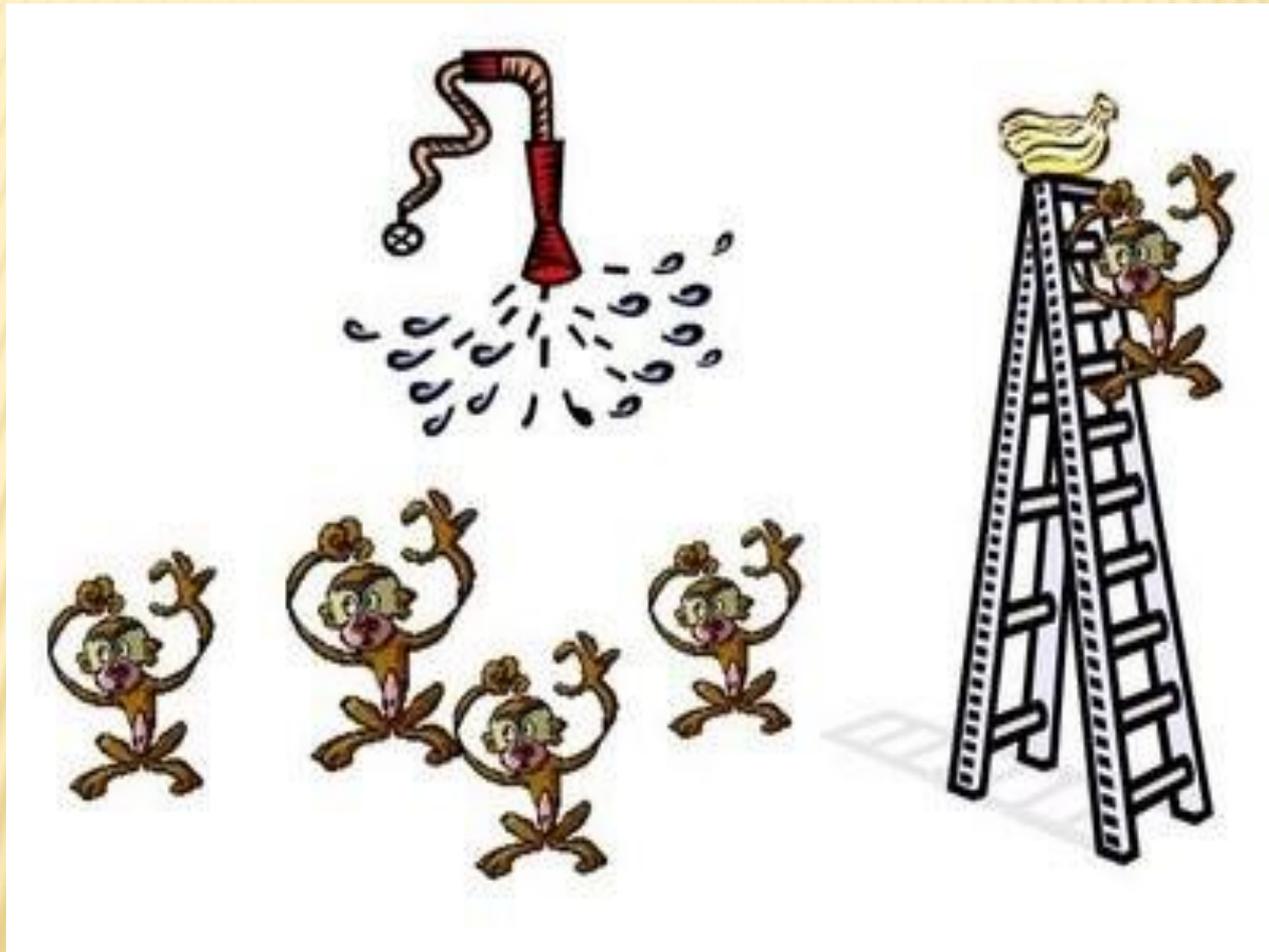
Sometimes these setbacks become permanent and, unfortunately, impact future generations.

Our children and their children fall into the same trap of faithlessness.

RESPONSES IN FACE OF POTENTIAL BREAKOUTS

- ✘ “I grew up on the wrong side of the tracks.”
- ✘ “Folk who look like us are not given a fair shot or will never be taken seriously.”
- ✘ “No one in our family has ever achieved anything like that before.”
- ✘ “I can never climb or move that mountain” -- become all God intended for me to be.

FIVE MONKEYS EXPERIMENT



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- ✘ One may say, “I have far too many enemies and too much trouble to reach my potential.”
 - + *When a man’s ways please God, He will make his enemy to be at peace. **Prov. 16:7***
 - + *Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me . . . **Psalm 23:4***
 - + *For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. **II Tim.1:7***

**NEVER
GIVE UP**



YOU DON'T HAVE WHAT IT TAKES, BUT GOD DOES

LORD'S INVITATION EXTENDED TO ALL

✦ Be added to the Lord's body

Hear the gospel (**Acts 15:7; Romans 10:17**)

Believe (**Hebrews 11:6, Acts 15:7**)

Repent (**Acts 2:38**)

Confess (**Acts 8:36; Romans 10:10**)

Be baptized for the remission of sin (**Acts 2:38**) or

LORD'S INVITATION (CONT'D)

- ✘ Be reconciled unto the Lord (I John 1:8-9); or
- ✘ Desire prayer. (James 5:16).

May GOD richly bless you!