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# Prayer & Fasting

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## 1 THE PROBLEM

**Matthew 17:14-18** NIV - When they came to the crowd, a man approached Jesus and knelt before him. <sup>15</sup> "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. <sup>16</sup> I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him."

<sup>17</sup> "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." <sup>18</sup> Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed at that moment.

**UNBELIEVING** (basic definition) **not connected to God; not trusting God.**

**PERVERSE** (basic definition) **too connected to the world.**

## 2 THE SOLUTION

**Matthew 17:19-21** NASB - Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not drive it out?" <sup>20</sup> And He said to them, "Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. <sup>21</sup> But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

## 3 THE RESULTS

**Isaiah 58:8-9** NIV - Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness (right path) will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup> Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.