



extraORDINARY

Spiritual Authority
Message 4

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► Outline

And He called His twelve disciples together and begin sending them out two by two, giving them authority to cast out evil spirits.

Mark 6:7 (NLT)

A. Introduction (Mark 6:7)

B. Exercising Spiritual Authority involves...

1. _____ chaos.
(Mark 9:14-19; John 6:68b. C/R: Isaiah 55:10-13)

2. _____ for suffering.
(Mark 9:20-22; Colossians 3:12. C/R: Isaiah 49:10; 54:10)

3. _____ in _____.
(Mark 9:23-27; 1 Peter 4:11. C/R: Ephesians 2:2-5; 1 Timothy 6:12)

4. _____ on God's work.
(Mark 9:28-29. C/R: Psalm 135:6-7; James 4:13-16)

Answers: 1. Confronting 2. Compassion 3. Confidence, calling 4. Contingent

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit brookwoodchurch.org/adults.

Conversation Starter

How does spending time with God change how others perceive you?

Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Then ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read Mark 9:14-29.

1. Jesus approached the crowd and wanted to know why they were arguing. Describe a time when you had to deal with a situation like this. How did you deal with the people involved and what was the outcome?
2. The father was desperate and willing to do anything to find relief for his son. Describe a time when you were that desperate. How did you get through it?
3. What did the father say about the disciples? How did Jesus respond?
4. Jesus cared about the boy and wanted to know more about his life. How do you handle encounters with others when they want to share what's happening in their lives? In those moments, ask God to help you have compassion and care for the person's situation.
5. The boy's father said "if You can" to Jesus, and Jesus immediately turned it back on him. Do you believe that Jesus can truly do anything? How do you deal with your own lack of faith?
6. The father admits his weakness to Jesus, but takes a bold step to say, "... help me overcome my unbelief." Where do you turn when you're struggling with your belief? How can you strengthen your belief?

7. The disciples couldn't cast out the evil spirit. What did they do so they could do this in the future? Describe a time when you couldn't do something you felt God had prepared you to do.
8. Jesus points the disciples to prayer as the way to cast out this type of evil spirit. How do you use prayer in your life to help you deal with situations you face?
9. Even though the disciples failed, Jesus still loved and cared for them. Pray and thank Jesus for loving you despite your failures and weaknesses.

Spiritual Practice

A spiritual practice is something we can do to help us live in and enjoy God's grace. We hope these practices become a regular part of your life so that walking and talking with God is the most natural thing you do.

One of the ways you can grow closer to God is through prayer. Throughout the week, spend time with God in prayer. Thank Him for what He's done in your life, and ask Him what He wants you to know at this time. Pray to God in all situations you face this week.

Memory Verse

I can do nothing on My own. I judge as God tells Me. Therefore, My judgement is just, because I carry out the will of the One who sent Me, not My own will.

John 5:30 (NLT)

Daily Reading

Day 1: Mark 6:7

Day 4: Ephesians 2:2-5

Day 2: Isaiah 55:10-13

Day 5: James 4:13-16

Day 3: Colossians 3:12

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, July 24, we'll continue our series titled *extraORDINARY*.

To prepare, read **Matthew 12:1-4**.



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