



A Little Dab'll Do Ya

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Mark 9:14-29

Connect:

- Name a food or something that you enjoy most in small quantities.
- Describe a time when your faith was most confident. When was it most rattled or shaken?

Engage

- Read *Mark 9:14-29*. This story of a panicked parent hits close to home for any who have raised a child. There are many tributaries one could take, however, with this passage: Jesus' response to the disciples; their disappointment in their inability to cast out the demon themselves, etc. Pick a phrase or two that catches you and discuss what about it intrigues you most.
- The disciples ask Jesus, "*Why couldn't we heal him?*" How do you reconcile the perception of unanswered prayer or the dreaded, "*If you only had more faith...*" shame some place on others?
- You may find it easier to have patience for someone else who is waiting desperately for their faith-need to come to pass than being patient with your own faith-need. What opportunity for growth might be gleaned from that?
- Is faith-quality versus faith-quantity a thing? Discuss.

Next Steps:

- Recognizing a faith-filled expression in another is not something we may always praise. Take some time this week to encourage someone who you feel demonstrates an authentic faith. You may also take a moment to encourage someone who is struggling with their faith right now.

Pray:

- Share news about your life and lift any joys or needs to God in prayer.
- "*Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief. Amen.*"