

DESPERATE FATHER

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READ | Mark 9:14-26

This story can be read from many perspectives, the disciples, the pharisees, the crowd, Jesus, etc. Today let's look at the perspective of the boy's father.

Good fathers are desperate about the right things.

When Jesus asked the father how long his boy had been this way, he responded "since childhood." As a good father, he sought Jesus out. He was desperate about the right things for his child.

REFLECT | What are the right things to be desperate about when it comes to our children or close relationships?

Good fathers are desperate to bring their children to Jesus.

Jesus tells the father, "bring the boy to me." We cannot do it on our own, we need to find help. Bring your children to Jesus in prayer, with the church, and through love and training.

REFLECT | How do we bring our children to Jesus in 2019?

READ | Hebrews 11:6

Good fathers are desperate to believe for the best.

The boy's father brought him to Jesus. Faith can move mountains. Remember, all things are possible to them that believe.

REFLECT | Think about some challenges with your family. How can believing the best help your outcome?

Good fathers are desperate to be good fathers.

The father's honesty about his faith is something we can all relate to: "I do believe, but help my unbelief." It takes humility and desperation to admit that to Jesus. He wanted to be the best father to help his boy.

SUMMARY | This desperate father had his family made whole because he was desperate about the right things, about bringing his child to Jesus, about believing the best, and being a good father. We have lots of motivations and goals in life, what are you desperate for?

PRAYER | Make time to pray for one another before you dismiss your group.