



## POWERLINES: Empowered by Trusting God

LUKE 9:37-43

### APPLICATION QUESTIONS

*These questions are for further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help your fight for life change. One of the best ways to grow in the body is discussing the answers to these questions in a small group. Find one here: [www.centralchurch.com/groups](http://www.centralchurch.com/groups)*

- 1. In today's passage, we see that attacks from Satan originate from people and problems. We also noticed that Satan celebrates our pain as the original cause and sometimes the specific cause. Knowing that Satan is both the original and sometimes the specific cause of suffering, how should Christians respond when we see funerals, diseases, and shattered hearts?*
- 2. Our passage is the story of a man who actively seeks avenues of God's grace. Mark 9 reveals that he "believes" but asks God to "help" his unbelief. God's grace to increase faith is found in the community, the commissioned, and Christ. How does this passage challenge you toward these avenues of healing? Which avenue and in which way will you take the "next steps?"*
- 3. Perhaps someone says they have sought community and counsel that could have been more helpful. How does this passage encourage you to keep going, even when the community of disciples could be more helpful?*

### **Quote for the Week. . .**

**by Jerry Bridges**



*"Our first priority in times of adversity is to honor and glorify God by trusting Him. We tend to make our first priority the gaining of relief from our feelings of heartache or disappointment or frustration. This is a natural desire, and God has promised to give us grace sufficient for our trials and peace for our anxieties (2 Corinthians 12:9, Philippians 4:6-7). But just as God's will is to take precedence over our will (Jesus Himself said, "Yet not as I will, but as you will" – Matthew 26:39), so God's honor is to take precedence over our feelings. We honor God by choosing to trust Him when we don't understand what He is doing or why He has allowed some adverse circumstance to occur. As we seek God's glory, we may be sure that He has purposed our good and that He will not be frustrated in fulfilling that purpose.*

***Jerry Bridges, Trusting God, 1988, p. 52.***