

Teaching Title: "Why Could We Not Cast It Out? Rediscovering the Forgotten Mandate of Power, Authority, and Faith"

Introduction

In today's church culture, we often comfort ourselves with the belief that only Jesus has the power to heal or deliver. Yet, Matthew 17 reveals a powerful moment where Jesus harshly rebuked His disciples—not because they tried and failed, but because they were expected to succeed and didn't.

Why? Because Jesus had already trained, empowered, and authorized them to cast out demons and heal the sick. This same rebuke, uncomfortable as it may seem, echoes into our modern-day faith walk. Have we lost our expectation for divine results? Has unbelief robbed us of the miraculous life Jesus died to give us?

Let's unpack what truly happened in this pivotal moment, and how it challenges us to rise into mountain-moving faith.

Scripture Focus — Matthew 17:14–21 (NKJV)

14 And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying,

15 "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water.

16 So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him."

17 Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me."

18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.

19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?"

20 So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.

21 However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

Key Points of the Teaching

1. Jesus Expects Us to Walk in Supernatural Power

Jesus had already given His disciples the tools they needed:

Luke 9:1–2 (NKJV):

“Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.”

Luke 10:9 (NKJV):

“Heal the sick there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’”

Jesus was not unreasonable in His rebuke—He had trained, commissioned, and equipped them. Their failure was not due to a lack of divine provision, but due to unbelief and lack of spiritual preparation.

2. The Modern Church Has Lowered the Bar

In today's world, it's rare for a parent to bring their demonized child to church expecting deliverance. Instead, people settle for medical diagnoses and human solutions.

But in the Bible, when the disciples failed, the father didn't give up—he went to Jesus Himself.

We have allowed unbelief and fear of offense to silence the expectation of miracles. But Jesus still expects His disciples (us) to walk in power and authority.

3. Faith Must Be Cultivated Through Prayer and Fasting

Jesus said plainly:

Matthew 17:20 (NKJV):

“...Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed...nothing will be impossible for you.”

Contrary to popular belief, Jesus wasn't praising tiny faith. He had just rebuked them for “little faith.” Instead, He was pointing to the nature of mustard seed faith—faith that grows, endures, and reproduces.

And then He adds:

Matthew 17:21 (NKJV):

“However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”

This was not about making God more willing—it was about making the disciple more prepared. Fasting and prayer kill unbelief and ignite faith. They are spiritual disciplines that build mountain-moving confidence in God.

🔑 **Three Essentials for Supernatural Ministry**

To cast out demons and heal the sick effectively, three components are non-negotiable:

1. Authority – Given by Jesus

"Behold, I give you the authority..." (Luke 10:19)

You don't need to ask for authority—you already have it in Christ.

2. Power – Received through the Holy Spirit

"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you..." (Acts 1:8)

Power comes from a Spirit-filled life, not head knowledge.

3. Faith – Cultivated through prayer, fasting, and obedience

"Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17)

Faith grows when exercised. It starts like a seed but becomes a tree.

📖 **Questions for Reflection**

Are you operating in the authority Jesus has already given you?

Are you filled with the Holy Spirit and seeking God's power daily?

Are you fasting, praying, and pressing into greater faith?

If not, you may find yourself like the disciples—unprepared in the moment of battle.



Closing Prayer: "Father, Ignite My Faith"

Heavenly Father,

I come before You with a heart that longs to walk in the fullness of what Jesus paid for. Forgive me, Lord, for tolerating unbelief, fear, and compromise. Forgive me for lowering the standard and excusing failure when You have called me to victory.

Lord Jesus, You have given me authority over all the power of the enemy. You have filled me with Your Holy Spirit and commissioned me to cast out demons and heal the sick. But like the disciples, I admit—I have at times failed because of my unbelief.

Father, I ask that You would ignite in me mustard seed faith—faith that grows, endures, and moves mountains. Teach me the discipline of prayer and fasting. Let these practices tear down the strongholds of doubt and awaken boldness within me.

Strengthen me with mountain-moving faith. Prepare me to stand firm when others cannot. Anoint me to be a vessel of healing, deliverance, and power in the name of Jesus.

Let my life testify of Your Kingdom—miracles, signs, and wonders confirming the truth of the gospel. Let me never settle for less than the supernatural life You've promised.

In Jesus' mighty name I pray,


Amen.

Final Exhortation

Dear believer, Jesus has not changed. His commission still stands. His Spirit still empowers. His authority still reigns.

Stop asking, "Why couldn't we cast it out?"—and start living in a way that demands an answer. Fast. Pray. Believe. Then go, heal the sick, cast out demons, and declare: "The Kingdom of God has come near to you!"

Let the fire of obedience consume the excuses of powerlessness.

 You were made for miracles. Now rise up and walk in them.

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