

BE NOT MOVED

What If I'm Not Confident

- I. **If you're not confident the answer is NOT to pretend like you are**-*Mt9:17*-One of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb (mute) spirit; ¹⁸And wheresoever he taketh him, he TEARETH (epilepsy, seizure, to seize) him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and THEY COULD NOT. ¹⁹He answereth him, and saith, O FAITHLESS generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? BRING HIM UNTO ME. ²⁰And they brought him unto him: and WHEN HE SAW HIM, STRAIGHTWAY THE SPIRIT tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. ²¹And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child. ²²And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but IF THOU CANST DO ANYTHING, have compassion on us, and help us. ²³Jesus said unto him, IF THOU CANST BELIEVE (have faith, be confident), all things are possible to him that believeth. ²⁴And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I BELIEVE; HELP THOU MINE UNBELIEF.²⁵..he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. ²⁶And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him
- A. God works in our lives according to our faith NOT solely according to His will-This is why it is vitally important that we learn how to get in faith and stay in faith
1. Believing is having faith, being confident, not just wanting something to happen
 2. If he doesn't believe it'll limit what God can do-Many get upset at the reality that our faith affects what God can do for us, yet The Master says it right here
- B. You can want to believe and choose to believe but still lack confidence-It dawned on him he had to get in faith so he made a choice, but he lacked confidence
- C. 2 kinds of unbelief-1.Incredulous/Unwilling to believe-Worst kind-*Jn20:25*-I WILL NOT believe; *Hb3:12*-EVIL HEART of unbelief; 2.Weakness of faith/lack of confidence-*Mt14:31*-Thou of LITTLE FAITH (lacking confidence), wherefore didst thou doubt
- II. (1) **If you lack confidence humble yourself and ask for help**
- A. Don't pretend to be confident-Faith isn't pretending to be confident or false bravado - Lord, I know your Word is true, I know you're faithful, but my confidence is low
- III. (2) **If you lack confidence don't accept not being confident**
- A. Faith people are supposed to be confident-Like David, 3 Hebrews, Mark 5 woman, Abraham, Psalm 91
- B. We are supposed to be this way (confident) and it's supposed to be real-Not just speaking so-called "faith words" but rather speaking words with faith in them
- C. You got to get sure because that's where the power is-Weak faith won't get you much
- D. They had form but no faith/confidence/weren't sure-He addressed their heart not their form-*Mt17:19*-Why could not we cast him out? ²⁰Jesus said unto them, Because of YOUR UNBELIEF: for verily I say unto you, IF YE HAVE FAITH as a grain of mustard seed ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you
- IV. **You can start out lacking confidence but end up fully persuaded**
- A. Abraham & Sara-Sara started off laughing and Abraham started off sleeping with Hagar, but both of them got confident-*Gn18:12*; *Hb11:11*; *Gn16:4*; *Rm4:21*