A. Be Persistent (vs. 37-39):

1. It came to pass – After the meeting on Mount of Transfiguration a large crowd came to Christ.

2. It came to pass – Christ increased the faith of some disciples while others are challenged.

3. Behold – The large was so large Christ had to give them His attention.

4. A man from the crowd shouted; Cry – A man once and for all screamed with a very loud voice seeking to get Christ attention. Seems like, based on the content, that this man was very frustrated.

5. A man from the crowd shouted; Cry – A unmet need exposes the heart of a committed father.

6. Saying; tell, speak – Once he got Christ attention the man continuously kept seeking to communicate with Christ.


8. Teacher – This man did not see Christ as Lord only as a Rabbi.

9. Pray – He not just asking Christ he is literally pushing hard for a response from Christ especially since everyone else failed to help his son who is in a very abusive situation.

10. Look – This man commands Christ to take a very careful cognitive look at the circumstances surrounding his son.

11. Only boy – Our love for our children should dominate our actions.

12. Spirit – The spirit here is a demon.

13. Seizes – This demon constantly deposits itself into his son creating the seizers.
14. **A spirit seizes him** – Gain understanding of the circumstances.

15. **Suddenly** – What the demon does is unpredictable. It is unexpected creating fear because they don’t know if the son lives or dies.

16. **Suddenly screams; Cry out** – When the demon comes unexpectedly it causes his son to become boisterous and disorderly making sounds that make no sense.

17. **Threws him into convulsions with foaming** – His son has full blown seizures.

18. **With difficulty leaves** – he intensity of the problem should never case us to fade.

19. **With difficulty leaves** – The demon does not leave without creating even more difficulty like mauling his son.

**B. Never Give Up (vs. 40-41):**

1. **I begged** – He said that once and for all he literally pushing hard for a response from Christ disciples, but they remove the demon.

2. **Begged** – Don’t be too proud to beg.

3. **Your disciples** – Don’t allow the lack of faith of others to discourage you.

4. **Cast; take** – The disciples were unable to force (to drive out) the demon to leave the boy.

5. **The could not – they were not able** - The disciples lacked the power or the ability to deliver the boy from this demon that violently possessed his body.

6. **Answered** – Jesus responds to the circumstances which the man presented to Him.

7. **Answered** – Jesus saw the persistence of this man, his love for his son and how desperate the situation was and the fact that His disciples did not take care of it and engaged in the situation. The disciples who were unable to forcefully remove the demon did not include Peter, James and John because they were on the mountain with Jesus and this took place while they were there.

8. **Jesus answered** – Remember nothing is impossible for God (Mark 9:23; Phil. 4:13).
9. **Said** – Answered in the sense of being responsive. Speaking is in the sense that Christ decided to communicate with this man concerning the serious issue his son was experiencing.

10. **Unbelieving generation** – Jesus did not say ‘unbelieving disciples,’ but because the man’s reference was to disciples it is mostly likely that Christ was making reference of them. The disciples hard shown several times their lack of faith. This took place even after the resurrection with Thomas (John 20:24-29), and all the disciples (Mark 16:14-18).

11. **Unbelieving** – Christ call them unbelieving because they refuse completely believe in the Word of God fully surrendered to His will.

12. **Unbelieving generation** – Don’t allow those around you to affect how you help someone (Mark 9:14).

13. **Perverted; Crooked** - The disciples continually become completely corrupted by what is taking place around them. Their culture, Jewish background and the people cause them to be in a state of unbelief.

14. **Put up will; suffer** – To put up hear means that Jesus has every reason to not use these disciples anymore because they keep not believing in Him. Christ has a legitimate reason to no longer tolerate their unbelief.

15. **Put up will; suffer** – In our failure so long we don’t run away Christ will work with us.

16. **Might bring** – Christ commands the man to bring his son into his presence.

17. **Might bring** – Christ did not need to ask the Father because He knew what power He had over demons.


**C. Always Believe (vs. 42; Mark 9:22-24):**

1. **As he was still approaching; Come** – The man responded immediately and went and got his son but on his way back the demon continuously put up a fight.

2. **As he was still approaching; Come** – The demon while coming to Christ sought to continuously do the same thing, he did with the disciples by violently taking control of the boy’s body. His power did not deter Christ.
3. **As he was still approaching; Come** – Before things get better, they seem to get worse.

4. **As he was still approaching; Come** – Satan will seek to discourage us.

5. **But Jesus rebuked him** - All that the demon doing did not create any kind of distraction from Christ.

6. **But Jesus rebuked him** – In God’s time victory is ours.

7. **But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit** - Jesus remained in His position of power and once and for all commanded the demon to leave. Jesus knew His powers and the powers of His Father and no action the demon did could change that so all Christ did was move forward with His decision.

8. **But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit** - The text is careful to say that the spirit rebuked was unclean because a house divided does not stand (Matthew 12:22-29).

9. **Healed** – This word describes God as the only one who can heal.

10. **Healed** – Christ in His power and might restored the boy to his original state and refreshed his life. He made this boy whole again.

11. **Healed** – It does not matter how power the forces are God is greater.

12. **Deliver; handed over; Repays** – With the father the boy is helpless. In the presence of the disciples the boy remains the same, but in the presence of Christ the boy is healed.

13. **Deliver; handed over; Repays** – The boy’s father had to release his son to Christ to be healed.

14. **Deliver; handed over; Repays** – The boy that was healed is now returned to the father not just sent away. The boy still needs his father.

15. **Deliver; handed over; Repays** – Christ healed him, but he still demanded fatherhood.

16. **Deliver; handed over; Repays** – A restored child still needs guidance.

17. **Deliver; handed over; Repays** – Our faith is our reward (Hebrews 11:6).
D. Our Faith Blesses Others (vs. 43):

1. The were all amazed - The crowd was endlessly overwhelmed by what they saw and was beside themselves in astonishment at the power displayed by Christ to quickly remove this powerful out of control demon.

2. The were all amazed – People may not believe but they will learn to respect your faith.

3. Greatness of God - The power Christ displayed so effortlessly was so magnificent it created admiration to those who witnessed it.

4. Greatness of God – Our faith exposes the true nature of God to others.

5. Marvel – The people were continuously in amazement and repeatedly praised Christ.

6. Marvel – Our persistent faith that causes us to never give up strengthens others.

7. Marvel – We motivate others to step up when we don’t back down.