

**Compassion**  
**Week 2: A Real Prayer of Faith**  
**Mark 9:14-29**

1. Are you experiencing any feelings of disappointment with God? What have you done with those feelings?
2. Philip Yancey writes, “By studying “about” God, by taming him and reducing him to words and concepts that could be filed away in alphabetical order, I had lost the force of the passionate relationship God seeks above all else.” Have you ever felt this way? How does this picture of Jesus’ healing expand your understanding of him?
3. What stands out to you about the father’s prayer? Read **James 1:5-8** and **1 Peter 5:17** for some additional insight. How can “belief” and “unbelief” fit together in a follower of Jesus? How have “belief” and “unbelief” worked in your own life?
4. This is the bottom line for the sermon: “Jesus always responds with compassion to the real prayer of faith.” How has God responded to you? How would you like him to respond? What step of faith will you take in your own response to Jesus this week?