## Jesus Welcomes Hard Cases

Mark 9:14-29 Pastor Phil Winfield November 6, 2011

How do you know if you have been successful? How do you measure it?

- 1. We must face our faithlessness
  - a. The world doesn't need **false hope**. Verses 14-18
  - b. The Lord isn't pleased with **failed hope**. Verses 19
  - c. The Lord isn't deterred by little hope. Verses 20-27
- 2. We must depend on God's faithfulness
  - a. The world expects to see God's power in us (verses 14-18)
    - i. Are we doing false advertising?
  - b. **Jesus expects** to send God's power though us- (verse 19)
    - i. Are we disappointing Him?
  - c. The world suspects God's power because of us (verse 23)
    - i. When a Christian's spiritual power is weak, other people's view of Christ's power is <u>reduced</u>.
  - d. Jesus expects his power to <u>reside in us</u>. Verses 28-29
    - i. Mountain moving power is available; But <u>at a cost</u>.