

Miracles: Contradiction
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- What is an oxymoron?
- What are some of your favorite oxymorons?
- Why do we like oxymorons?
- Do you like contradiction? Why or why not?

Read Mark 9: 16-27.

Three Statements of Significance in this Miracle

1. If You Can

- Why do you think the father brought his son to Jesus?
- How do you think the father felt when Jesus wasn't available at first?
- How was the son affected by the evil spirits?
- Why do you think the evil spirits were trying to kill the son?
- How difficult must it have been for the father to raise a son who from infancy has been seized upon by an evil spirit?
- Why do you think the father "If you can do anything" as a statement?
- What was Satan's name when he lived in heaven?
- Why was he cast out of heaven?
- How many angels followed him and why?

Read Ephesians 1:19b-22.

- What do these verses tell us about Jesus' power over demons?
- In what way have you felt as if you had a contradiction in your faith?
- Share about a time when you stepped out to follow God and then retracted.
- How far does God's authority extend?
- Does God actually have the power/authority to provide miracles in our lives?

2. Everything is Possible

- What were some other times in Jesus' ministry when he took exception?
- Why did Jesus take exception to the statement "If you can"?
- Talk about some of the things that Jesus had already done in his ministry.
- How did Jesus turn the tables on the father and make this a question about the man's faith rather than about Jesus' power?

Read Matthew 21:22 and James 2:19.

- How is it possible that demons believe in God?
- In what ways did Jesus display power of these impossible things?

Quality _____

Distance _____

Time _____

Quantity _____

Nature _____

Misfortune _____

Death _____

3. Help My Unbelief

- In what way did the father display that he had faith?
- What did the father see that might cause him to not believe?
- What contradiction does the man make?
- Is he wrong to contradict himself in this way?

Read Jeremiah 32:17.

- Share an experience where you may have contradicted yourself.
- What can we do to demonstrate that we believe God can do the impossible?
- Are you facing an impossible situation? “incapable of being done, attained, or fulfilled:”
- What obstacle seems impassible?
- What situation seems intolerable?
- What illness seems incurable?
- What need seems incalculable?
- What relationship seems irreconcilable?
- What problem seems incomprehensible?
- What opportunity seems Impenetrable?
- What mystery seems unfathomable?