PART 3

THE MESSIAH

Everything is Possible

When we were kids, most of us believed that everything was possible. We could fly off the rooftop if we had the right suit and proper weather conditions. As we got older, we shifted to being realistic – and often times, doubtful. In Mark 9, a desperate father asks Jesus if he can liberate his boy who was possessed by a spirit. Jesus challenges the father to return to child-like faith – to once again believe that "everything is possible."

Scripture: Mark 9:14-29

Reflection:

Questions:

1. What did you want to be when you were growing up? What happened to that desire? What were some key moments that shifted you from "everything is possible" to "realistic"?

2. In this story, the boy was "possessed by a spirit." How do you respond to that detail? Was that a reality 2000 years ago that is no longer relevant today? Or is it simply a different way to describe the same kinds of things we experience today?

3. Like this boy, we are all wounded in some way from our childhood. As you reflect on a struggle or insecurity that you wrestle with today, can you think back to how that started to surface when you were a child?

4. Do you typically view life through the lens of "everything is possible," "realistic" or "doubtful"? Explain.

5. The father asks Jesus to help him overcome his unbelief. Are you willing to ask that same thing of Jesus? Would you like to return to believing "everything is possible"?

6. What does Jesus identify as the reason he could help the boy but the disciples could not? (Mark 9:28-29)