

AMAZED – Let's Go
Mark 7:24-37
7-18-21

Those amazed with God experience:

I. Bold Faith Mark 7:24-25

Mark 7:24-25 - "And from there He arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And He entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet He could not be hidden. But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of Him and came and fell down at His feet."

Acts 2:14 – "But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.'"

Ephesians 3:12 – "Because of Christ and our faith in Him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God's presence."

II. Tenacious Faith Mark 7:26-30

Mark 7: 26-28 – "...and she begged Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. And He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered Him, 'Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.'"

Matthew 15:23 – "But He (Jesus) did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and begged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us."

Luke 18:7 - "And will not God give justice to His elect, who cry to him day and night?"

III. Great Faith Mark 7:28

Matthew 15:28 – "Then Jesus answered her, 'O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.' And her daughter was healed instantly."

Daniel 3:17, 18 - "...our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

Hebrews 4:16 – "Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in the time of need."

IV. Connecting Faith Mark 7:31-37

Mark 7:36 – "And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more He charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, 'He has done all things well.'"

Mark 5:19, 20 – "...and He (Jesus)...said to him, 'Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how He has had mercy on you.' And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled."

Acts 2:43-47 – "And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles... And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved."

Going Deeper This Week

1. What constitutes an effective missionary strategy in our day? How did Jesus begin to instruct His followers about successful missions?
2. Is there any nation you would be tempted to skip over in missions? What makes them unworthy in your mind? What would Jesus do?
3. What should be our attitude toward the Jewish people as a political nation? As individual souls?
4. Why would Jesus' ministry in Gentile lands have shocked His disciples? How does it look similar to Peter and Paul's ministries in the book of Acts?
5. Why was the Syrophenician woman happy with mere "crumbs"? What can we learn from her attitude?
6. How can boldness and humility both be demonstrated at the same time in our prayers?
7. How would you respond to someone who suggested that Jesus was using some kind of magic in 7:33-34?
8. Why do you think Jesus "sighed deeply" before he healed the deaf man? How does that encourage your faith in Him?
9. How was Jesus' healing ministry associated with the gospel of a restored relationship with God?
10. What part do the old hymns play in your worship experience? How do new songs and choruses help you perceive and worship God?