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In Mark 9:23, Jesus stated an eternal spiritual principle. He was speaking to a man with a son afflicted by a demon and asked Jesus to deliver him.

Jesus said, (NKJV) "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

Notice the condition of "if." This is what hinders most people. They "believe" but they believe with some reservation or hesitation. That was the problem for this man also and he recognized it in himself. So, what did he do?

He appealed to Jesus for help in verse 24 that said, "Lord I believe. Help my unbelief!" Jesus boosted his faith and healed the boy, casting out the demon.

We can ask Jesus also to help us overcome our reservations on answers to our prayers. It is a constant problem where people pray "believing," but it is not in absolute pure faith. It is more like a "hope" for the answer. Hope is not absolute, pure faith. You must be truly certain that God will perform what you ask for.

However, we must receive His answer in faith, by trusting Him without wavering. Do not be surprised if His answer is somewhat different than you expected it to be. He knows best. Trust His answer whatever it may be.

He will certainly hear you, and He will answer. Believe Him for your answer without reservation.