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2. Jesus is God. When Peter, James, and John were on the mountain and the deity of Jesus was revealed, they were terrified; they were in absolute awe. When Jesus cast out the demon, the people were in awe of the greatness of Jesus. Are you in awe of your God?
3. Are you like the disciples who couldn't cast the unclean spirit out of the little boy, or are you like the dad? The dad had doubts, yet he threw himself on Jesus. Those doubts pushed him toward Jesus and he begged Jesus to help him believe. The disciples' doubt pushed them away from Jesus; they didn't turn to Jesus at all. When you doubt, which way are you leaning? How can you be prepared for your next moment of doubt or forgetfulness of the faithfulness of Jesus?
4. The disciples didn't pray. They had cast out an unclean spirit before and they thought they could do it now in their own strength. Have we fallen into self-reliance and the assumption that we can do it on our own? Without Jesus, we will fail in ministry, we will fail in our fight against sin, we will fail to live in a way that brings God glory. Would somebody looking at your life say, "She doesn't pray"?

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