

Series: Lessons from His Life
Message: Fashioning a Faith that Finishes
Text: Mark 9:14-29 (AM 4/27/08)

In our text today we find Jesus perplexed by the *faithlessness* of that generation. What would He think about the contemporary church? How would He label your walk? I'm afraid we all may come up short. Through the healing of a demonic boy, Jesus demonstrated how to *fashion in our lives a faith that finishes*.

I. A Faith that Finishes is Determined. (14-19)

Life is lived and faith is fashioned in the valley.

- On the mountain we get a vision of the Father (9:5)
- In our descent we become a victim of our frustration (18)
- But it's in the valley that God's victory is fashioned (19)

II. A Faith that Finishes is Devoted. (20-26)

The size of our God determines the dimension of our victory.

- Bring your fiasco to Jesus (20-22)
- Put your faith in Jesus (23-24)
- Keep your focus on Jesus (25-26)

III. A Faith that Finishes is Developed. (28-29)

Only those who wait on God will experience the power of God.

- *Live* through a life of prayer (29b)
- *Look* for Him in private (28b-29a)
- *Listen* for His purpose (28)

Application to Life: The landscape of our lives is painted with peaks and valleys. The Father has a purpose for them all. *Enjoy the view* of God from the mountain. *Experience the victory* from God in the valley. Rest assured the Father is in both the highs and lows of life.