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4. Who do you think the frustration of Jesus is aimed at in verse 19? What stands out to you about His “how long” expressions and His resolve to still stay the course?

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6. What does it communicate to you that after Jesus begins to work on the boy, he appears to get worse before he gets better? Where do you see that playing out in people’s lives today? How is this instructive for us as we watch, pray and hope?

7. What instruction did Jesus give to the disciples about why they were unable to cast out the demon? Why do you think they didn’t think to pray? In what ways are we tempted to trust too much in our gifts?

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