# CONVENTION

Lord, I believe.....

Mark 9:24



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#### "I DO BELIEVE, HELP ME OVERCOME MY UNBELIEF"

Mark 9:24 encapsulates the struggle between genuine faith and persistent doubt. Following a dramatic scene in which a father has brought his demon-possessed son to Jesus for healing after the disciples had failed, Jesus says "Everything is possible for one who believes" (Mark 9:23). In response, the father, who I imagine was desperate, said to Jesus 'I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!'

The father's cry, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!", is a raw and transparent admission of a common experiences. Faith is not a state of perfection, but often a struggle.

"I do believe": This declaration confirms our faith in Jesus' power and is what motivates us to bring our needs to Jesus. Faith, though imperfect, is real, powerful, and touches the heart of God.

"Help me overcome my unbelief!": This is an honest acknowledgment of doubt that can linger from time to time. Knowing that our human frailty can be a hinderance in exercising faith, this recognises that faith is not a selfgenerated force but a gift that requires God's help to flourish.

This prayer is a powerful model for us all. It moves beyond a superficial display of confidence and embraces conversation with God about our inner struggles. embraces humility, urgency and honesty.

Jesus did not condemn the father for his mixed faith. Instead he responds with love and grace, demonstrating that divine power is not relying on perfected faith. In verse 25 Jesus heals the boy with compassion and power. As we go through this month and reflecting on our theme for 2025, know that while faith is essential, God honours a sincere heart.



#### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

#### **PCF Tottenham**

- Adult Sunday School Class. 09:30 -10:25 every week on the first floor
- Collective Worship at 10:30
- You can also join us online live at 10:30, via the PCF website, and YouTube



#### **PCF Edmonton**

 PCF Edmonton meet 11:30am every Sunday at Houndsfield **Primary School in** Edmonton.



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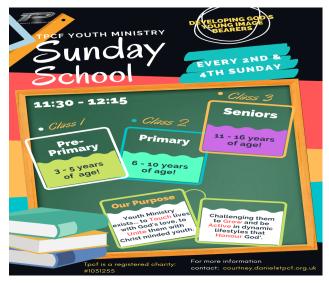


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The next baptism service will take place on Sunday 16th November. If you are considering baptism, speak to the PCF leadership or you can email <a href="mailto:connect@tpcf.org.uk">connect@tpcf.org.uk</a> and one of the Leadership team will get in touch.





The Food Bank need volunteers to drive the church van to collect food items from different outlets. Drivers need to have held their License for over 2 years.

Drivers are needed on Tuesday
Evenings and on occasions
Tuesdays during the day.

Please contact Charmaine Walden or send an email to <a href="mailto:Charmaine.Walden@tpcf.org.uk">Charmaine.Walden@tpcf.org.uk</a>

Thank you for your support



How does Moses make his coffee? Hebrews it.

What kind of lights did Noah use on the Ark?

Floodlights.



### For all those celebrating this month, Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary from PCF!

Jasmine Stevenson	. Wed $1^{ m st}$
Martin Finegan	
Pastor David & Donna Daniel celebr	ate
their Wedding Anniversary	
Deaconess Helena Lynch	
Jolly Williams	Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>
Tony Nelson	Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>
George Wilson	Mon 12th
Yvonne Simpson	Mon 13th
Maliha Johnson-Powell	Tue 14th
Josiah Peters	Tue 14th
Mia Hird	. Wed 15th
Charlene Earnest	
Anthony & Rose Williams celebrate	
their Wedding Anniversary	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>
Karar Daniel	Sun 19th
Johnel Lynch	Tue 21st
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Daniel Alleyne	
Royston Lester	
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Mahli Isaac	Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>
Patrick Myers	
Grace Simpson	
Elder Martin & Lorraine Finegan co	elebrate
their Wedding Anniversary	
Courtney Daniel	
Seymour & Pauline McCalla celebra	
their Wedding Anniversary	
Callum Daniel	Mon $27$ <sup>th</sup>
Jayden Johnson	
Paulette Miller	Thu 30th
Iwona Pajak	
Tony & Lorna Hylton celebrate	
their Wedding Anniversary	Sat 1st Nov
Tammia Harris	

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians  $4:19~\mathrm{KJV}$ 



## This month's quiz is based on the parable of the lost sheep, the lost coin and miracles.

#### The Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin

1)	Some r	eligious	leaders	had	been	critic	izing	Jesi	us
	because	he was	friendly	with	people	e they	consi	dere	ed
	to be "sinners." But Jesus response. Fill in the blanks:								

In the Parable of the Lost Sheep, Jesus says, "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, \_\_\_\_\_\_" (NRSV)

- a) does not feel sadness for the one which is lost?
- b) does not ask each of his neighbors to search for the one which is lost?
- c) does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?
- d) does not care for the ninety-nine instead of leaving the flock to search for the one?
- "Just so, I tell you, there will be more \_\_\_\_\_ over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance." (NRSV)
  - a) sadness in heaven
  - b) joy in heaven
  - c) weeping among the angels
  - d) joy in the kingdom of God
- 3) In His Parable of the Lost Coin, Jesus said, "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not \_\_\_\_\_, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?" (NRSV)
  - a) get on her knees
  - b) put on her glasses
  - c) leave her chores
  - d) light a lamp
- 4) Which is NOT one of the meanings of these two parables?
  - a) It is never too late to turn away from sin.
  - b) Sinners will never enter the kingdom of heaven.
  - c) God does not want to lose even one of His children to sin.
  - d) It is sinners who most need Jesus.

Jesus performed many miracles during His ministry, and they served as signs that the Kingdom of God had truly come.

- 5) What was Jesus' first miracle?
  - a) Walking on water
  - b) Turning water into wine
  - c) Feeding 5000 with the loaves and fishes
  - d) Cursing the fig tree
- 6) Whose mother-in-law did Jesus heal when she had a fever?
  - a) Martha's
  - b) Mary Magdalene's
  - c) Matthew's
  - d) Simon Peter's
- 7) As Jesus and His disciples were crossing the Sea of Galilee in a boat, a terrible storm arose and threatened to drown them. Jesus rebuked the wind and waves and the storm disappeared.

What was Jesus doing when the storm arose?

- a) Praying
- b) Sleeping
- c) Eating a meal
- d) Explaining the parables to His disciples
- 8) Whose daughter did Jesus bring back to life?
  - a) Jairus'
  - b) Herod's
  - c) Simon Peter's
  - d) Martha's