

WORKING SAVIOR:

Jesus in the Gospel of Mark



Unseen Prayer

Transfiguration

- **And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them.**
– **Mark 9:2-3**

Spiritual Highs

- **How do we respond?**
- **Eventually, we will have to make the transition back to the real world.**
- **Do spiritual valleys always follow?**

How Do We Respond?

- **Disciples**
- **The father of the boy**
- **Jesus**

How Do We Respond?

- **Disciples**
 - **Mark 6:7, 13**
 - They have done this before.
 - **“Why could we not cast it out?”**
 - **It is all about them.**

How Do We Respond?

- **Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, saying, "Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."
– Acts 8:18**

How Do We Respond?

- **The father of the boy**
 - **First one to answer**
 - **Focus is on the boy**

- **And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?”**
 - **Mark 9:21**

How Do We Respond?

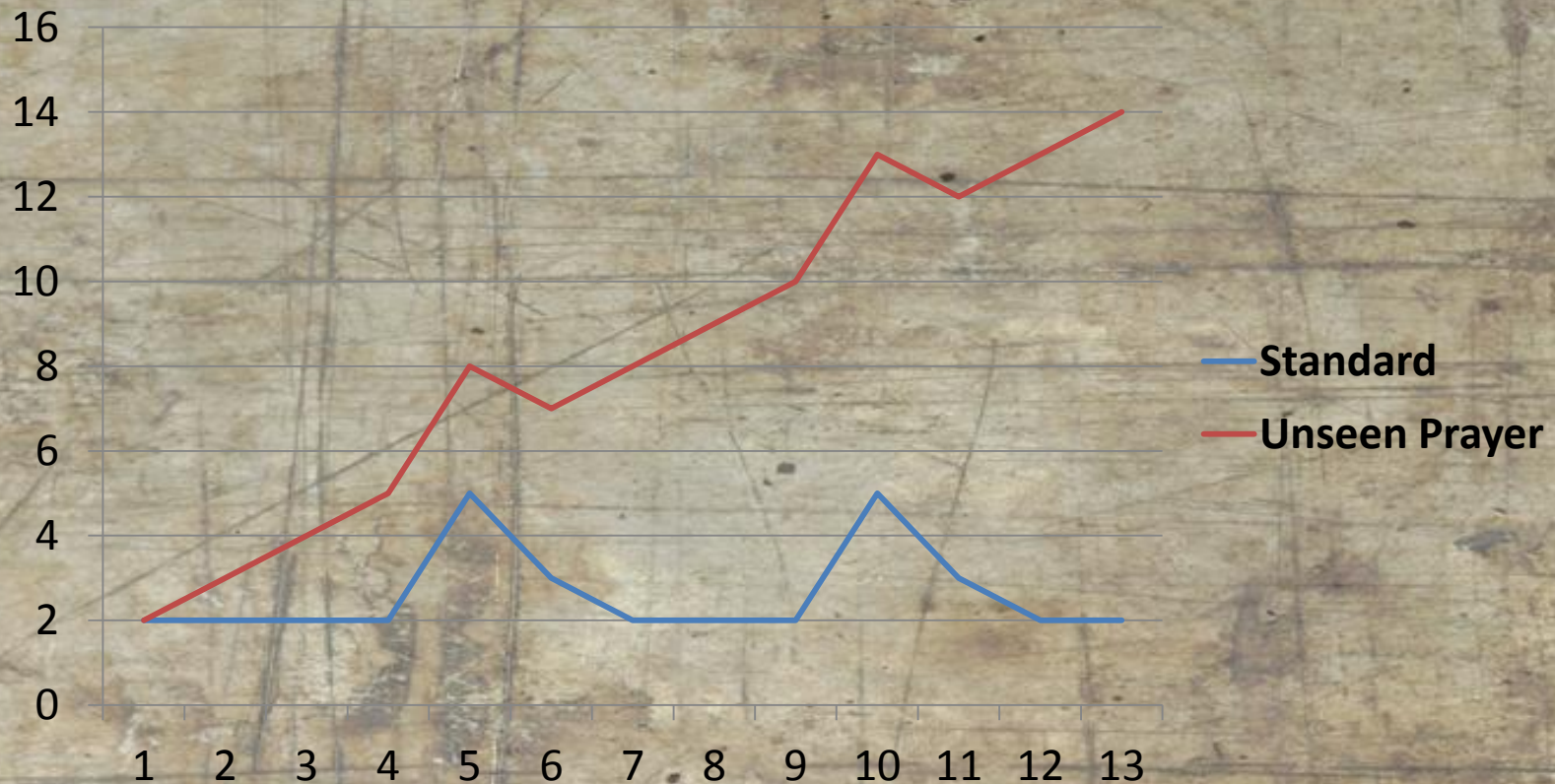
- **Jesus**
 - Focus is not on himself or the boy
 - Focus is on God
 - He is there to help more than the boy
 - Asks questions to help the man and his disciples

Impossible Way to Live

- **And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”**
 - **Mark 9:29**
- **When does he pray?**
- **What does this praying look like?**

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- Prevents us from falling into valleys after spiritual highs



Unseen Prayer

- **To start seeing the world as God does**
- **Give God the glory for our work**
- **Trust in him through difficult situations**
- **Exciting life – no more “going through the motions”**

Examples

- **Nehemiah**

- **As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven.**

- **Nehemiah 1:4**

- **Then the king said to me, “What are you requesting?” So I prayed to the God of heaven. And I said to the king...**

- **Nehemiah 2:4-5**

George Muller

- Church of 1,200 members
- Operated Sunday schools that taught and evangelized thousands of children
- Housed, fed clothed, taught and evangelized 2,050 orphans annually for decades
- Supported 187 missionaries
- Constantly relied on prayer

John Hyde

- **1 of 5 missionaries among 1,000,000 non-Christians in India**
- **Prayed for 1 soul each day for a year**
- **Moved it up to 2 per day the next year**
- **Moved it up to 4 per day the next**
- **Spent entire nights praying at times**

A Life of Unseen Prayer

- **And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**
– **Colossians 3:17**
- **So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.**
– **1 Corinthians 10:31**