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INTRODUCTION

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RAPHAEL'S "TRANSFIGURATION" PAINTING.
2. Then JESUS CAME DOWN, with James and John and Peter, INTO THE EVERYDAY WORLD OF REALITY, to the situation told about in our Scripture
3. The real situation Jesus found SEEMED TO PRESENT AN IMPOSSIBLE PROBLEM, but Jesus solved it!
4. More, Jesus told those present that "ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE FOR HIM WHO HAS FAITH" (or him who believes)"

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- c. Frustration --disciples could not heal, even tho Jesus previously gave them such power.
- d. Disappointment and grief, on the part of the father of the ailing child.

2. Where Jesus began:

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- a. Difficulty in making a living
- b. Decision on how to spend our lives
- c. failure
- d. poor communication with others, often accompanied by hate
- e. ignorance, and uncaring about learning
- f. sickness
- g. death
- h. grief
- i. etc.

4. We can begin as Jesus did:

- a. Control our emotions and reactions and analyze the problem
- b. Work on solutions by giving understanding and help to the positions of others AND to yourself.
- c. Seek help beyond ourselves and others -- from God (Jesus said that without prayer the problems couldn't be solved)

III. WE CAN SOLVE MANY OF OUR PROBLEMS IF WE BELIEVE WE CAN.

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2, "BELIEF" is not only religious-- it can be belief in yourself, belief in others, as well as belief in God.

a. Statement from my boyhood:
I can do anything as well as anybody else IF I try as hard as they do!"

b. Can't sing like my wife, but can sing so as to enjoy it myself (and hope others can), by trying hard, believing I can.

c. May not have build and/or coordination to be strong baseball hitter or champion boxer or other athlete, but can be in the best physical shape my body can handle, and find much enjoyment, BE GOOD in some physical activity!

d. MAY EVEN EXCELL in some area in which those others I admire cannot, IF I BELIEVE I CAN AND APPLY ALL MY ABILITY AND EFFORT.

3. IN SICKNESS:

a. May HAVE TO LIVE WITH a disease or disability, but CAN KEEP IT FROM DEFEATING ME, MY SPIRIT, MY OUTLOOK, MY FAITH.

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4. JESUS CHRIST CRUCIFIED BUT RISEN. The impossible, but real.

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