

## Jesus is your Sufficiency: Understanding Mark 11:24

### Mark 11:20-25

<sup>20</sup> As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. <sup>21</sup> And Peter remembered and said to him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered.” <sup>22</sup> And Jesus answered them, “**Have faith in God.** <sup>23</sup> Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ and **does not doubt in his heart**, but **believes** that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. <sup>24</sup> Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, **believe** that you have received it, and it will be yours. <sup>25</sup> **And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.**”

**1. The object of our faith is God V<sup>22</sup>.**

**2. A lot more has been said about prayer:**

a) What about God’s will? 1 Jn 5:14-15

\*\*Rom 12:1-2 – How to discern God’s will

b) What about things that hinder God’s prayer? V<sup>23</sup>.

- Doubt – Abraham and Sarah (Gen 16); Rebecca and Jacob (Gen 27).
- Unforgiveness v<sup>25</sup>
- Dishonoring/abusing a wife- 1 Peter 3:7

**3. What about “unanswered” prayers?**

a) God’s grace is sufficient 2 Cor 12:9;

b) The strength to endure Phil 4:10-13

c) Longsuffering is a fruit of the Holy Spirit Gal 5:22

**Part 2 Next week:**

**Eph 1:3**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,”