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Christian Church

## Mark 9:14-18

### Jesus Heals a Boy Possessed by an Impure Spirit

<sup>14</sup> When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. <sup>15</sup> As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.

<sup>16</sup> “**What are you arguing with them about?**” he asked.

<sup>17</sup> A man in the crowd answered, “Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. <sup>18</sup> Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not.”

## 2 Timothy 1:7

<sup>7</sup> For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but **gives us power, love and self-discipline.**

## Romans 8:37

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things **we are more than conquerors** through him who loved us.

## 2 Corinthians 2:14 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup> But thanks be to God, who in **Christ always leads us in triumphal procession**, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere.

## 1 John 5:4

<sup>4</sup> **for everyone born of God overcomes the world.** This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

## Mark 9:19

<sup>19</sup> “You unbelieving generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me.”



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**Gen X (born 1965 - 1980)**



**Boomer (born 1946 - 1964)**



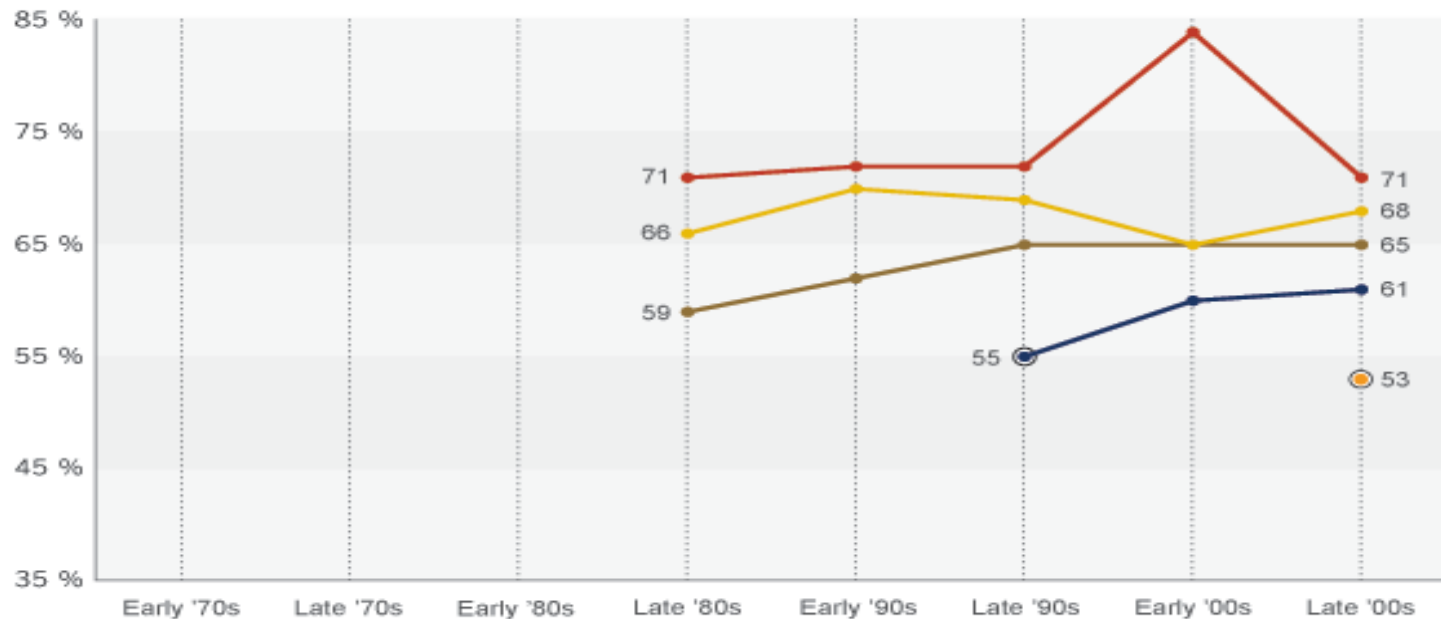
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# Certain Belief in God, by Generation

Percent saying they know God exists, with no doubts



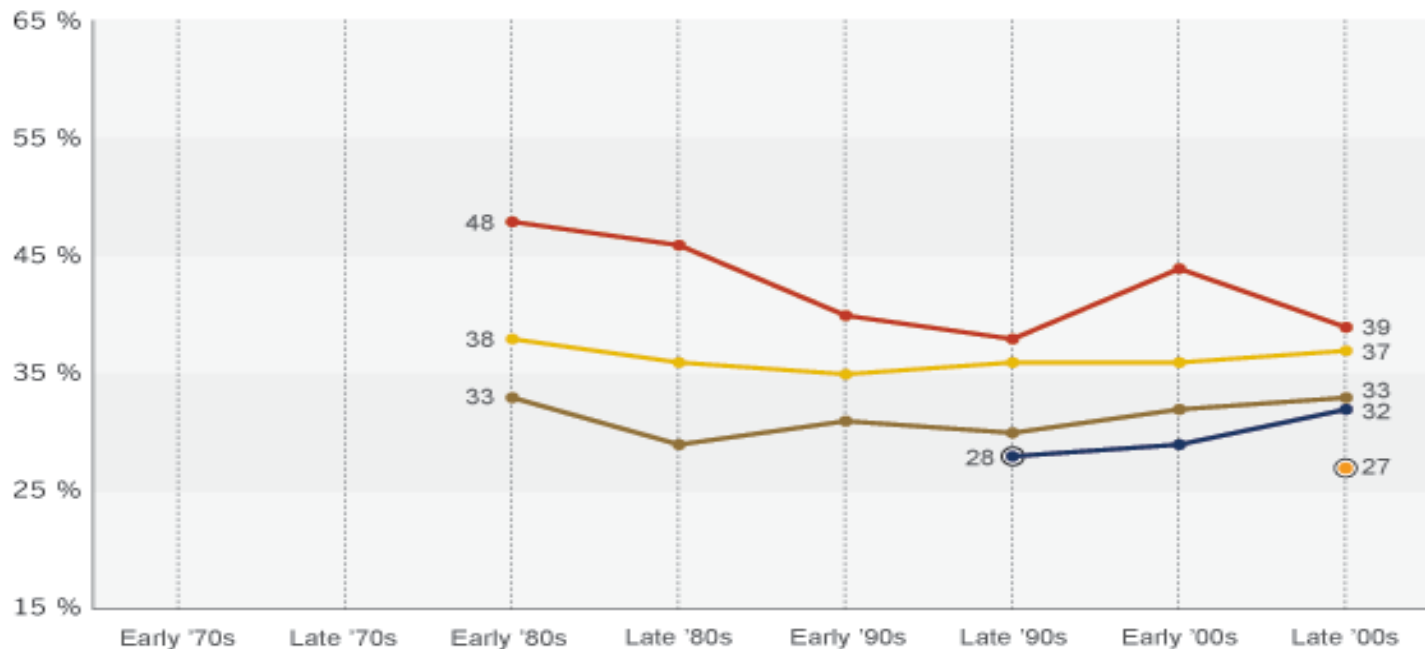
**Source:** General Social Surveys.

**Question wording:** Please look at this card and tell me which statement comes closest to expressing what you believe about God: I don't believe in God; I don't know whether there is a God and I don't believe there is any way to find out; I don't believe in a personal God, but I do believe in a Higher Power of some kind; I find myself believing in God some of the time but not at others; While I have doubts, I feel that I do believe in God; I know God really exists and I have no doubts about it.

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# Views of the Bible, by Generation

## Percent saying Bible is actual, literal word of God



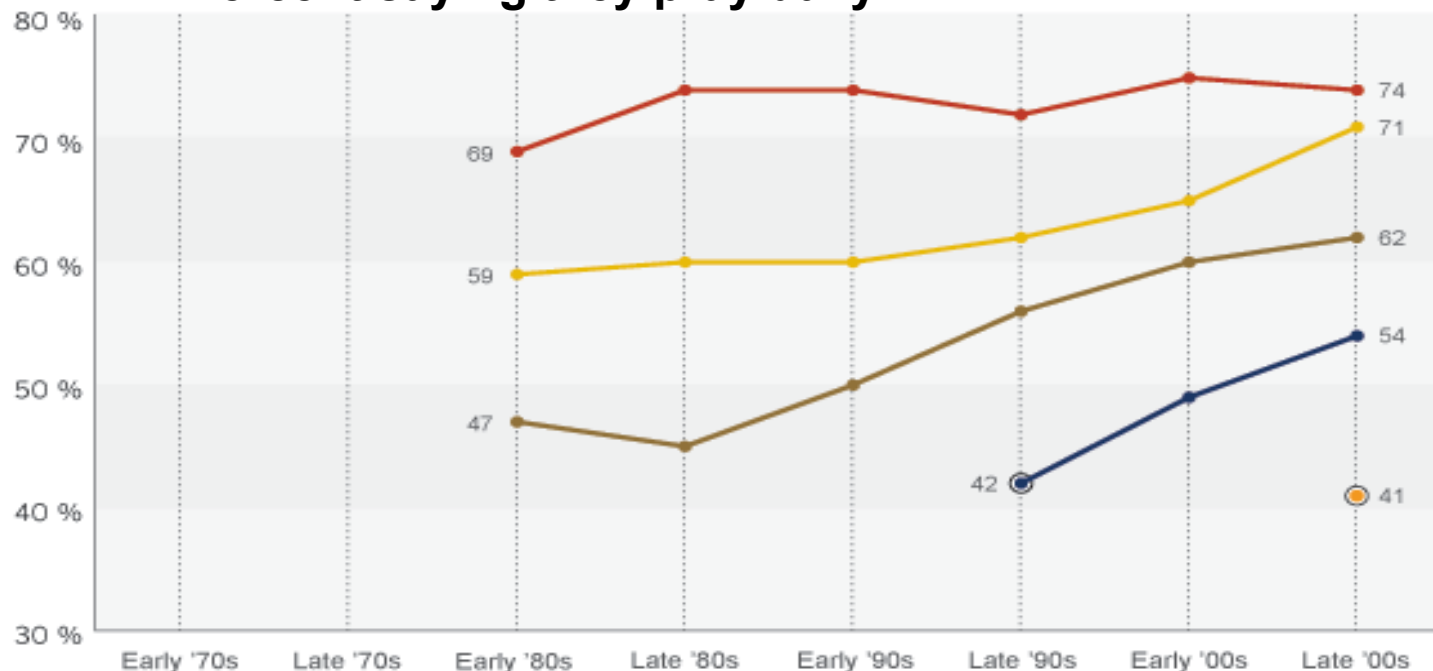
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**Question wording:** Which of these statements comes closest to describing your feelings about the Bible? **a.** The Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally, word for word; **b.** The Bible is the inspired word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word; **c.** The Bible is an ancient book of fables, legends, history, and moral precepts recorded by men.

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# Daily Prayer, by Generation

Percent saying they pray daily



**Source:** General Social Surveys.

**Question wording:** About how often do you pray?

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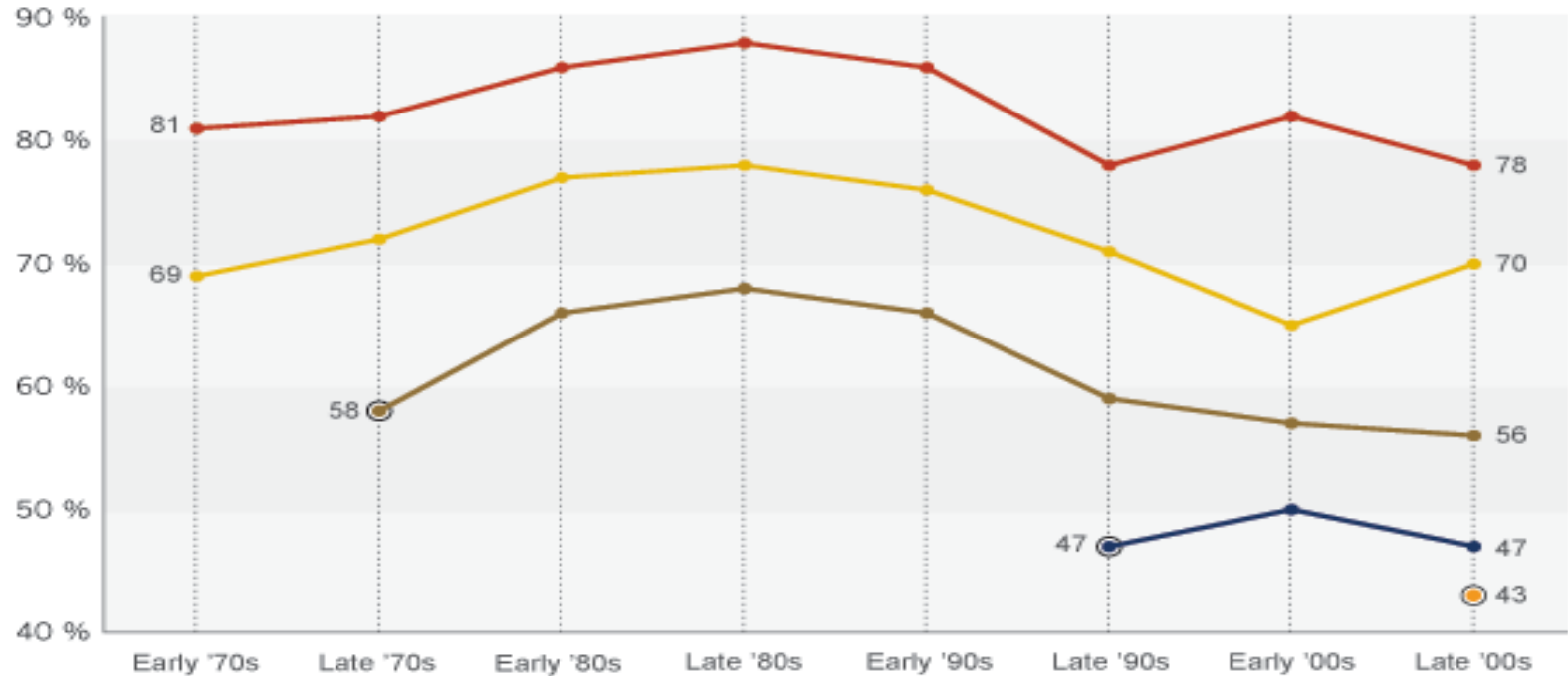
Several times a day, once a day, several times a week, once a week, less than once a week, never.]

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# Views on Homosexuality, by Generation

Percent saying same-sex sexual relations are always wrong



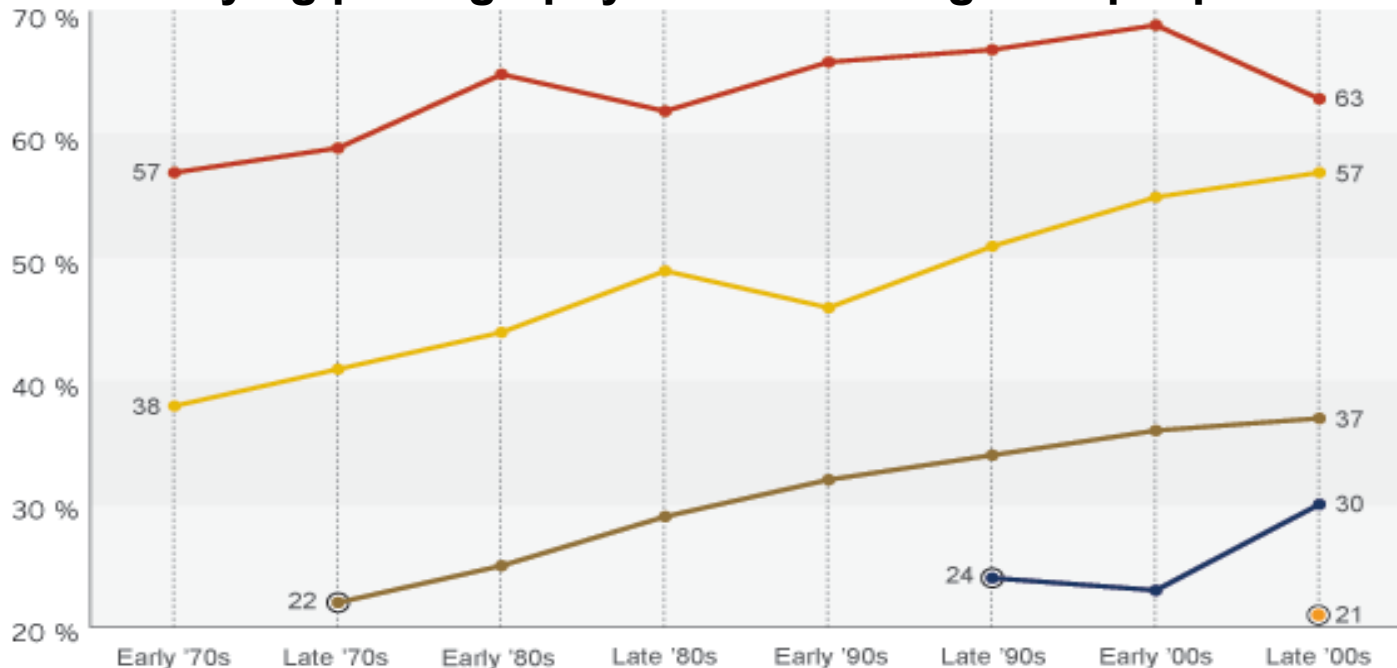
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**Question wording:** What about sexual relations between two adults of the same sex - do you think it is always wrong, almost always wrong, wrong only sometimes, or not wrong at all?

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# Views on Pornography, by Generation

Percent saying pornography should be illegal for people of all ages



**Source:** General Social Surveys.

**Question wording:** Which of these statements comes closest to your feelings about pornography laws? There should be laws against the distribution of pornography whatever the age; OR There should be laws against the distribution of pornography to persons under 18; OR There should be no laws forbidding the distribution of pornography.

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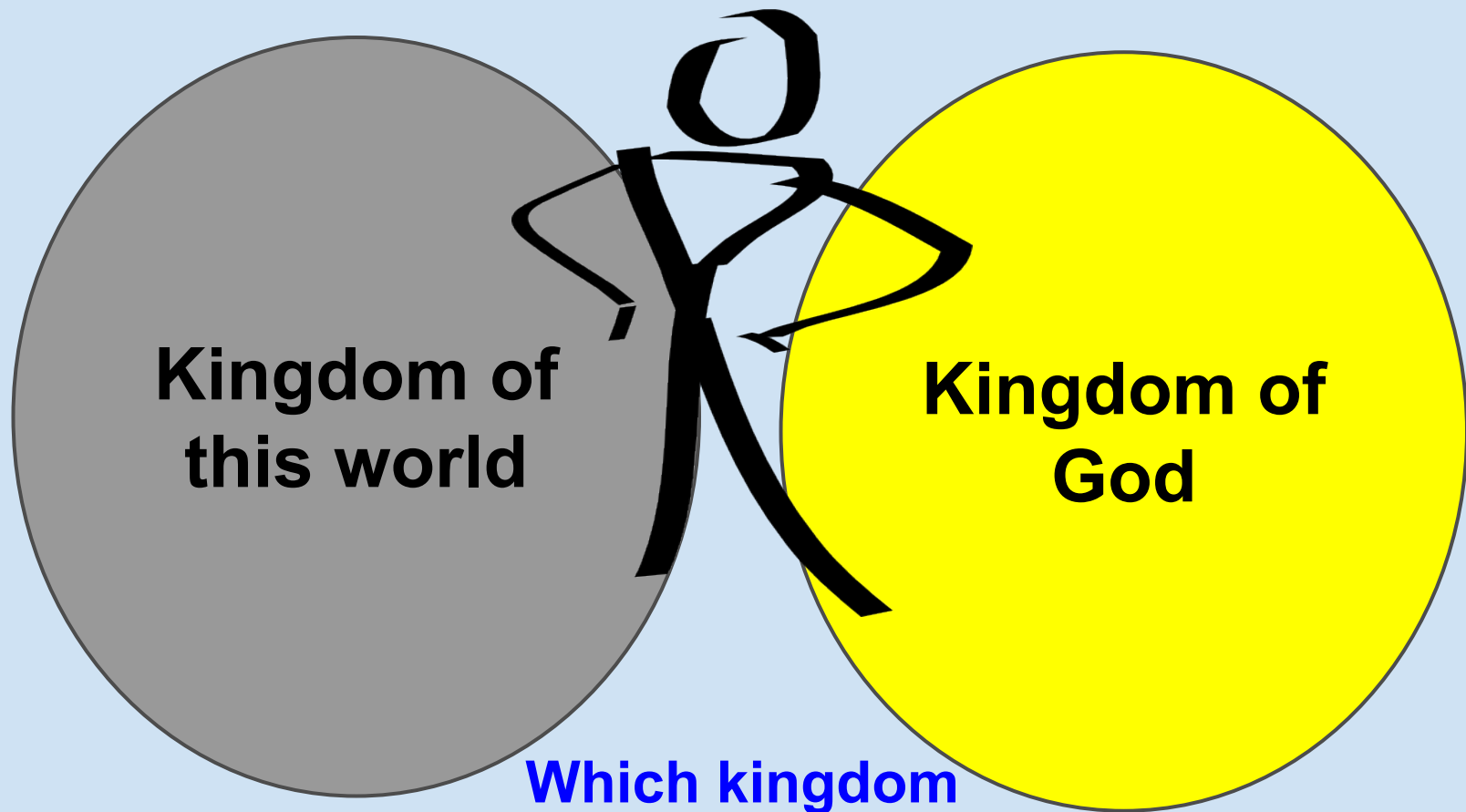


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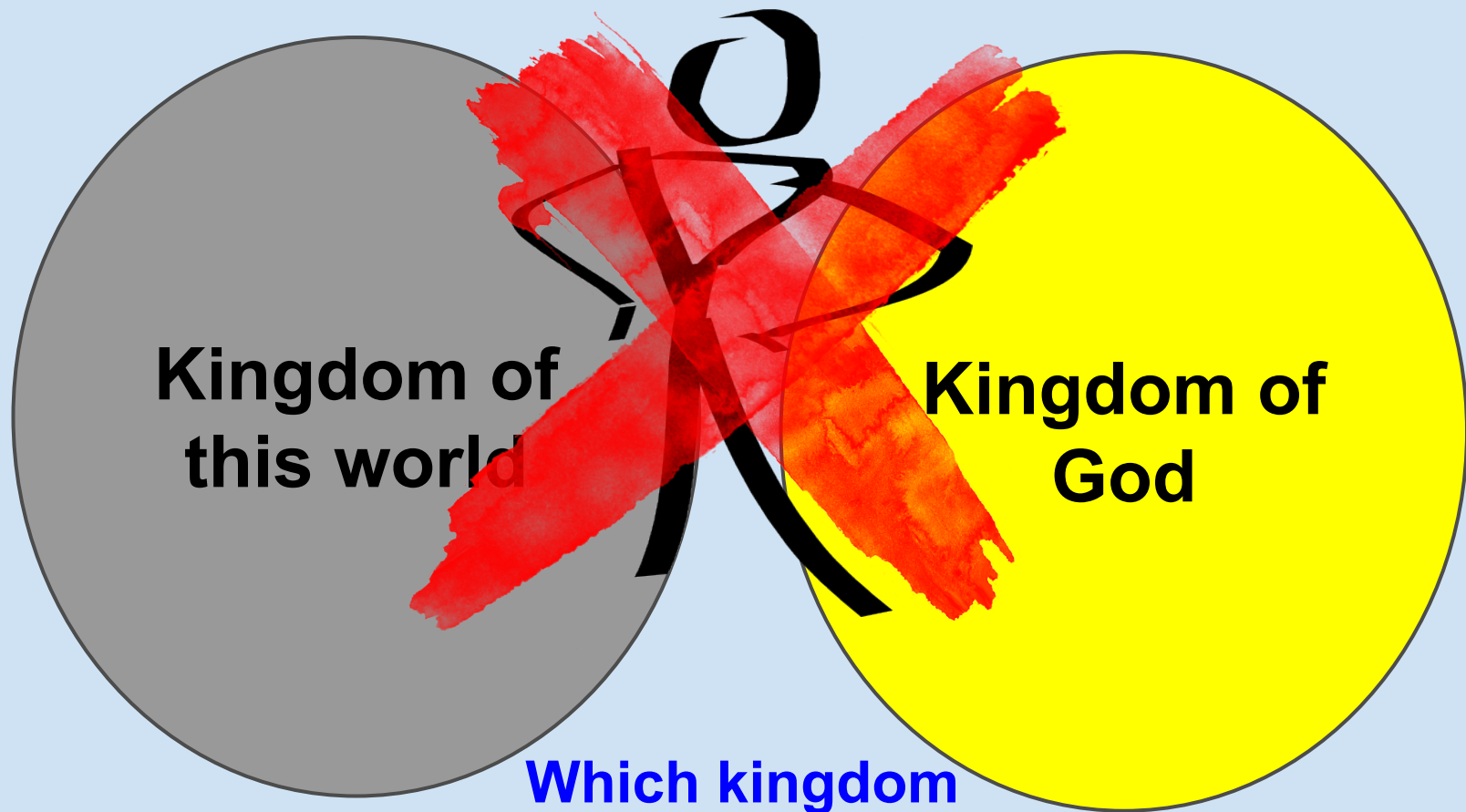
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## Mark 9:20-22

<sup>20</sup> So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.

<sup>21</sup> Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?"

"From childhood," he answered. <sup>22</sup> "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us."

## Mark 9:23

<sup>23</sup> “‘If you can’?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for one who believes.”

## Mark 9:24-29

<sup>24</sup> Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

<sup>25</sup> When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the impure spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."

<sup>26</sup> The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead." <sup>27</sup> But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

<sup>28</sup> After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, "Why couldn't we drive it out?"

<sup>29</sup> He replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer."



**Prayer is leaning,  
not on your own  
understanding or power,  
but on God!**

**The amount of time you  
spend in prayer is a  
direct reflection of how  
much you depend on  
God.**

**What do you have to  
pray for?**

## Mark 10:27 (The Rich Young Man)

<sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

**What seemingly impossible things would you ask God to do if you knew He would do it?**

- **in your life?**
- **in the lives of others?**
- **in this church?**
- **in your ministry?**

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nothing is impossible

## **Memory verses:**

- **Luke 18:27**
- **Mark 9:23**
- **Matthew 10:27**