



Second Week of Advent  
Mark 9:14-29

We can stay near to Immanuel through (imperfect) faith and obedience.

Immanuel is always present and working despite the messiness of life.

Immanuel works through our imperfect faith and obedience because often times imperfect faith and obedience are all we have.

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# MY APPLICATION

The following questions this week reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family and friends.

1. God always desires to stay near to us. What are the things that prevent us from feeling close to Him? What things foster a closeness with God?
2. How do the Godly wonder of the Christmas season and the potential challenges (strained family relationships, consumerism, sadness of loved ones who have passed on, etc.) manifest in your life each year?
3. Do you ever struggle with faith and obedience? How does the imperfect faith of the Father in Mark 9 encourage you?



## Memory Verse

“And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”

Hebrews 11:6 (ESV)