

# Kairos Seasons

## Matthew 17:14-20

Greek had two words for time—“**chronos**” and “**kairos**”

*Mark 1:14-15, ESV—Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel”*

This shows us a **pattern of growth**: repentance—faith

You can recognize *kairos* events by their emotional impact

Chronos time recedes to the background when we enter a cycle of growth during a *kairos* season

## What?

***Kairos is never loss when sufficient grace carries us across***

Turn—

“Kairos” events signal an opportunity to grow

**Vss. 14-16**—this was a *kairos* event, not just for the father, but also for the disciples

Life in the kingdom **constantly involves repentance** in the sense of changing inwardly and outwardly

**Vs. 17**—usually as we enter the event, we eventually realize that **our response is inadequate, even sinful**

*Mark 9:14, ESV—When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them*

This is what we may do in a *kairos* event—try to fix blame

**Vss. 19-20**—we can learn one thing from the example of the disciples—they sought an answer for their failure

They came to understand their **lack of faith**, their **lack of discipline in prayer**, their **readiness to argue**

Repentance is necessary in order for us to “put off” so we can “put on”

We will often discover that our *kairos* events uncover unbelief, even idolatry in our lives

Trust—

On the faith side, the first thing to do is find the promise or promises of God that apply

*Mark 9:23-24, ESV—“All things are possible for one who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!”*

**Vs. 18**—can we say that perhaps the greater thing that happened was **the maturing of faith in the hearts of the father and the disciples?**

## So What?

If you refuse the repentance stage, you will not move forward, and even possibly stagnate in bitterness

The greatest gift God has given us to help us move through repentance and faith is **the enabling of the Holy Spirit**

But the second greatest is **the support of the Body**

It may seem humanly counter-intuitive to tell people what you’re going through, but that’s what God intends

The final say—Paul

*2 Corinthians 12:9, ESV—He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me*

## Now What?

In a *kairos* season, identify and turn from inadequate responses

In a *kairos* season, identify and believe God’s promises of sufficient grace