

# ***RESOLUTE***

Dec 31, 2017

## **I. Mark 9:14-29; Matt 17:14-21**

- A. **Resolute** - Marked by firm determination: resolved; bold, steady
- B. **Prayer and Fasting** -
  - 1. **Praying** - Talking and listening to God, spending time with Him.
  - 2. **Fasting** - Saying no to something in the natural more than you normally would in exchange for saying yes to something in the spiritual more than you normally would.
  - 3. **Job 23:12** 12 I have not departed from the commandment of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth More than my necessary food.

## **II. Mark 9:14-29 - Why could we not cast it out?**

- A. **Matt 17:20-21** 20 So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. 21 However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."
- B. Prayer and Fasting causes us to experience things previously not experienced because we *SUPPRESS* us not because we *IMPRESS* God!

## **III. Two questions for 2018:**

- A. What do you want me to WANT?
- B. What do you want me to STOP or LEAVE BEHIND?

## **IV. RESOLUTE - SELLING OUT TO BUY ALL IN!**

- A. **Disciples - Mark 10:28-30**
  - 1. **Matt 16:18** - Gates are DEFENSIVE; Church is OFFENSIVE
  - 2. **Luke 8:28** - Jesus did the tormenting
  - 3. **Ps 84:11** 11...No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly.
- B. **Hernan Cortes** - Spanish explorer to Mexico - February 1519
- C. **Rich Young Ruler - Matt 19:16-22**
  - 1. God asks us for everything because He loves us too much to ask for anything less.
  - 2. **Matt 10:38-39** - Lose ourselves to find ourselves
  - 3. Clinging too tightly to what we have leaves no room for what God wants to give us.
- D. **Elisha - 1 Kings 19:19-21 - Living the "good" life**

