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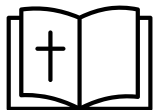
## Twelve Steps for the Rest of Us

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*Step Two*

**We came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.**



In our discourse last month, we used Paul's description of powerless over sin. (Romans 7:14-25) The last verse gives us hope:

*"I've tried everything and nothing helps. I'm at the end of my rope. Is there no one who can do anything for me? Isn't that the real question? The answer, thank God, is that Jesus Christ can and does." (Romans 7:24-25) The Message Bible*



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# Reflection:

Step 2 is the hope step. The demonstrative pronoun **THAT** has key importance in this statement. Notice it doesn't say **IN**. Lots of people believe **IN** God, but the key to this step is to believe **THAT** the God we believe **IN** has the power to transform our lives.

Jesus asked the father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. It has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you are able to do anything, help us! Have compassion on us!" Jesus said to him, "If you are able! All things can be done for the one who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out, "I believe; help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:21-24)

## Reflection Questions

- Where, or to whom do you turn when you are at the end of your rope?

- Recall a time when your faith transformed your life. Write about it.



- In what ways are you like the boy's father in Mark's passage?