

INTRODUCTION: Message - "Increase Our Faith" (Luke 17:1-10)

In some cases Jesus proclaimed "O ye of little faith". In one place He said: "O woman, great is thy faith". How does someone have a little faith and another have great faith? Where does faith come from and how can it be made to grow? And why must a Christian's faith be tested? This new series will attempt to answer many of these questions and observe many of the faith principles revealed in the scriptures.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Do you have situations where faith seems to come easy? Do you have any situations where it's may be difficult to believe God?
2. Read Matthew 15:21-28. Why do you suppose Jesus said this woman's faith was so great? Was it merely because of her persistence?
3. Read Luke 17:5. Prior to this verse, Jesus just talked about forgiveness for multiple offenses. So what prompted the apostles to make such a request as this? How are the scriptures before and after related to having faith?
4. Has your faith been tested... perhaps on more than one occasion? If so, did you first see a decrease in faith before any increase? Was there any change at all?
5. Read Hebrews 11:1. This is the biblical definition of faith. Does this change the way you define faith?
6. Read Hebrews 11:6. What are the consequences of unbelief or lack of faith?

SO WHAT?:

There are varying degrees of faith, ranging from the least (as a grain of mustard seed) to surpassing faith. No matter where you fall on the "faith spectrum" there is more that can be obtained through Jesus Christ.

Ask the Lord to increase your faith to perform the duties he requires of you. Jesus is the Master and we are His servants. Faith goes hand-in-hand with doing what Jesus requires of each and every one of us. We are just doing our duty (Luke 17:10).

THINK ABOUT IT:

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1, KJV)