

PUT YOUR FAITH TO WORK

LESSON 18 – OUTLINE

- I. If you're born again, you've already been given all the faith you'll ever need.

Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. [4] And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him. [5] And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

LUKE 17:3-5

- A. Faith certainly applies to your crises, but you need faith for the people you live and work with day in and day out all week long.
- B. It takes faith to always unconditionally love and forgive your coworkers, your spouse, your children, your parents, and your neighbors.

If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

LUKE 17:6

- C. What the Lord was telling them was, “Guys, you don’t need more faith. You don’t have a faith problem. You just aren’t using the faith you’ve already got!”
- D. You already possess the same amount and quality of faith Jesus had when He physically walked on the earth.
- E. You just need to use it!

- II. Then in verses 7-10, Jesus immediately launched into a parable to illustrate His meaning.

But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat? [8] And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink? [9] Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not [old English for “I don’t think so!” or “That’s not how it works!”]. [10] So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.

LUKE 17:7-10, BRACKETS MINE

- A. Jesus was saying, “You need to use the faith you’ve already got. Even if it’s only as big as a mustard seed, it’s enough to cast a tree into the sea. You would put your servant to work if you owned one, wouldn’t you? You already have faith. Now, put it to work!”
- B. Faith should be put to work, not pampered.
- C. Start putting your faith to work the way a master uses a slave.
- D. It’s not a matter of not having the servant; it’s a matter of not using what you’ve got.

III. Most believers are ignorant of the faith they already have.

- A. You don’t doubt that faith works; you just don’t believe you have the quantity or quality of faith you need.
- B. You don’t have a faith problem; you have a knowledge problem.
- C. You don’t know what you’ve got, nor the laws that govern how it works.

IV. The faith it takes to receive salvation comes by hearing God’s Word.

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: [9] not of works, lest any man should boast.

EPHESIANS 2:8-9, EMPHASIS MINE

- A. *That faith* is also not of yourself, but it is “*the gift of God.*”

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? [15] And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! [16] But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? [17] So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

ROMANS 10:14-17

- B. God Himself is faith-full, and the words He has spoken are faith-filled.
- C. You can’t believe God for salvation without first having God’s Word bring you His faith.
- D. Therefore, you do have God’s supernatural faith in you, and it doesn’t come and go (Rom. 11:29).
- E. We just aren’t using what we have, primarily because we don’t know we have it.

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LESSON 18 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Luke 17:3-6 advises us to take heed unto whom?
2. What should we do if a brother trespasses against us?
3. What should we do if he repents?
4. What if he trespasses and repents seven times in a day?
5. To what kind of seed is faith likened?
6. What kind of tree is referred to?
7. Read Luke 17:7-10. Even though the servant just came in from working hard out in the field, what will the master tell them to do?
 - A. Go and sit down to meat
 - B. Come and sit down with me to meat
 - C. Serve me my food, then—afterward—you can eat
 - D. All of the above
 - E. None of the above
8. Will the master thank that servant for doing what was commanded?
9. When we've done all we have been commanded, what should we say?
10. According to Ephesians 2:8-9, for by _____ are we saved.
11. Through what?
12. According to Romans 10:14-17, is it possible to call on someone in whom we have not believed?
13. In order to believe in God, what must we do first?
14. How shall they hear without a what?
15. How shall they preach, except they be what?

16. What are beautiful?
17. Have they all obeyed the Gospel?
18. Who has believed our what?
19. How does faith come?
20. According to Romans 11:29, the gifts and calling of God are without what?

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LESSON 18 – SCRIPTURES

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ROMANS 11:29

For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.