

Living Faith Series

What Jesus said about Faith?

1. Five times Jesus reproved his followers for having “little faith.” Each time he said it, the context represented an area of our lives in which we sometimes struggle. They are:

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)
- e)

Of these five areas, is there one or more you can identify with? There is a common thread woven through each of the examples, can you identify it.

2. Twice Jesus mentions that individuals had great faith. Interestingly they were not of the Jewish faith. Why is this significant?

Who were they: Matthew 8:5-10 and Matthew 15:22-28

- 1.
- 2.

3. What was it that the woman said which influenced Jesus to grant her request? Matthew 15:27 What is the imagery being portrayed in this narrative?

4. The object of our faith is _____? John 1:12,13

5. Reading the story found in Luke 7:36-50; What did Jesus say about this woman's faith? Jesus' reaction to the Pharisee and the woman teaches us about faith. The woman's actions were completely out of cultural norms for that day, (maybe even for today) what lessons can we learn here? Who do you best identify with, the Pharisee or with the woman?

See Over for More.....

Going Deeper

Doubting Thomas has become a negative expression for skeptics. Doubt, a five letter word used to describe uncertainty, a lack of confidence, or fear of failure. Typically, the word doubt has a negative connotation, as it's often described as the main cause of failure, and the barrier to success and improvement.

When is doubt a healthy thing to have?

Why did Jesus humor Thomas and was willing to honor his request? What does this teach us about the nature of God?

Read Titus 1: 9-11 A healthy disposition of doubt can serve to protect us. What are some of the things we should doubt?

What should we do with this doubt?