

A Little Bit of Faith

Matthew 17:14-21

Introduction:

Today we will be looking at faith. There seems to be a lack of faith growing in the churches in America today. We ask God to do things but we really don't believe HE will do it. When this happens we get discouraged and just want to give up. We are going to look today and see what the Bible says about faith and what we need to do. Join with me as we read from Matthew 17:14-21.

Scripture:

14 And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, 15 "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. 16 So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him." 17 Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." 18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. 19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" 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."

Key Points:

1. What is Faith?
2. How much faith do we need?
3. Where does faith come from?
4. What can faith do?
5. Faith requires action on our part.

Outline:

1. What is Faith?
 - a. The Bible says that faith is:
 - i. 1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (Hebrews 11:1)
2. How much faith do we need?
 - a. 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. (Luke 17:20)
 - b. 21 So Jesus answered and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' it will be done. (Matthew 21:21)
3. Where does faith come from?