

Will He Find Faith?

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Main Text: Luke 18:8

When Jesus comes back, will he find faith on the earth? The rhetorical question implies that faith will be scarce. Our Lord's words do not predict a general improvement in the spiritual condition of the world before his coming.

The danger is not that Jesus will be unfaithful to us but that we will be unfaithful to him!

When He comes back, He is going to find something...my question to you is, what is that something???

Every day you are confronted with challenges that could sway you away from God.

- These challenges are designed to do just that.
- We should take these challenges and turn them into opportunities to let our faith shine.

Lest Jesus comes back and comes looking for faith and finds none in you.

Hebrews 11:6

Faith pleases God – only faith, nothing more and nothing less.

- To be specific, in these cases these men already believed in God but what pleased God was that they lived by faith.
 - They did things by faith
 - They spoke faith

Example –

By faith – Noah built the ark

By faith – Abraham left his home to go to a place he didn't know

By faith – Sarah received strength to conceive

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By faith – Moses passed through the Red Sea

By faith – Joshua marched around the walls of Jericho

All these were acts of faith and these acts pleased God!

Where are we all missing it? We are just too afraid to step out and believe God because of all that we are hearing.

- Gas prices are going up
- War in Iraq
- North Korea wants to blow us up
- The housing market bubble bursted

1 John 5:4

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world - our faith.

Smith Wigglesworth said –

“There is no telling where the blessing will end for a man who believes God.”

You know what strikes me from reading about all these men and women of faith in Hebrews 11? They were crazy!

- Think about Noah telling everyone it was going to rain, when it never rained before – ever! That’s crazy!
- Think about Abraham telling people that he and Sarah were going to have baby at 100 years old. – That’s crazy!
- Think about David telling an entire army that he was going to slay a 9 foot giant – That’s crazy!

Faith makes you crazy!

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Illustration -

Not only did David tell the Israeli army but he went up to Goliath and told him exactly how he was going to kill him.

- “I am going to bean you in the forehead with my sling shot, then I am going to your sword and cut your head off”
- Today we call this “talking trash”
- This is the first time someone talked trash to Goliath since kindergarten.
- It may sound like David was talking trash to Goliath but in actuality David was talking faith!

If you are not saying some crazy things – you are not in faith!

Mark 9:23

Jesus said “all things are possible to him that believes”.

- That tells me that there are some impossible things out there just waiting for someone to come a long and make them possible.

But we always have an “if” and never step out to do what God wants us to do.

Example –

- If I only had a better job
- If I only had more money
- If I only had a bigger house
- If I only had a nicer car
- If I only had a better education
- If I only had a brain

Stop playing with the “ifs” and make things possible in your life.

- Go where you want to go

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- Do what you want to do
- Be all that you want to be

Check this out – The devil doesn't care what we believe as long as we are quiet about it.

- But once you start talking faith, start talking about possibilities, start talking trash – the devil will get very upset with you.
- So keep talking!

You will get all that you believe for in life – nothing more, nothing less. Rev. Kenneth Hagin said that once. It's real good!

Mark 11:12-14, 20-22

Here is a great story of Jesus talking to a tree. He curses the tree and nothing happens until the next day. Peter notices that the tree has died from its roots. Then Jesus responds to Peter *"Have faith in God"*.

This literally says *"Have the faith of God"*

- Not the faith of man

What is the faith of man?

- Man's faith lies in his own strength and mind.

God's faith lies in the Word that comes out of His mouth.

- What ever God says He believes in His heart that it will come to pass.

Mark 11:23

"Whoever says unto the mountain be removed and be cast into the sea, and does not doubt in his heart but believes those things which he says shall come to pass, he shall have whatever he says."

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