

All in Faith

The need to have faith is emphasized all throughout the Bible (Hebrews 11:6; Ephesians 3:20; Romans 1:17; 2 Corinthians 5:7). Jesus commended people who had great faith (Matthew 8:5-10; 9:20-22, 27-29; 15:28)! Biblical faith has to do with...

- **Belief** (Hebrews 11:6).
- **Conviction** (Romans 8:38-39).
- **Obedience** (James 2:17)

Do we have this kind of “all in” faith for Jesus? All in faith for Jesus...

I. Comes from the right source.

- A. Not founded in the mind of men, or information found in secular books, or things we are able to see with our own eyes (2 Corinthians 5:7).
- B. It is founded in the _____ (Romans 10:17). This is why our daily Bible reading challenge is so important!

II. Has the courage to be shared.

- A. Why were the early Christians so serious about fulfilling the great commission (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 8:4)? Answer: because they had great faith! They had great faith in the power of the gospel (Romans 1:16).
- B. All in faith not only believes in Jesus' power to change water into wine, but it also believes in His power to change peoples lives (John 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

III. Is calm in the middle of storms.

- A. This was something that Jesus wanted the apostles to understand (Mark 4:35-41). While He was in the boat with them, they had nothing to fear!
- B. While going through storms, we must have firm trust in Jesus.

IV. Steps out of the boat.

- A. Peter had this kind of faith. His faith only wavered and he began to sink when he took his focus off Jesus (Matthew 14:28-33).
- B. Steps out of the comfort zone.
 - 1. Like Peter, do we have enough faith to even step out of the boat?
 - 2. Do we have enough faith to keep our eyes focused on Jesus (Hebrews 12:1-2)?

V. Is confident in God's promises.

- A. The apostles struggled with believing in the promise of the resurrection (Mark 10:33-34; 16:14). Jesus rebuked them for their unbelief!
- B. This aspect of faith believes that Jesus will do what He says.
 - 1. It believes in the promise of Matthew 28:20.
 - 2. It believes in the promise of James 5:16.
 - 3. It believes in the promise of Hebrews 11:6.
- C. Because of all the Lord has done in the past, we have nothing but good reason to have faith in everything He has promised to do in the future!

Conclusion: Are you truly walking by faith?

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