

SERMON NOTES
FAITH IN PRAYER

1. Necessity of faith - James 1:6,7 - But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

Heb. 11:6 – And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.

Faith is the fore-runner to _____ prayer.

2. Increasing faith – grow _____ to the object of your faith

a) Accept the fact that my faith needs to _____ - Rom. 1:17 – “from faith to faith”

b) Associate with people who have _____ faith – Rom. 1:12 – “encouraged by each other’s faith”; I Thess 3:2 – “Timothy will strengthen and encourage your faith.”

c) Read God’s Word – Rom. 10:17 – faith comes by hearing the Word of God

d) _____ the times God honored my faith – journal, diary

e) Keep my faith active – Heb. 11:6 - “diligently seek Him”

f) Ask God to _____ my faith – Mark 9:24 “I believe, help my unbelief.”

g) _____ - James 2:26 – “Faith without works is dead”

3. Lessons for faith – Mark 5:21-43

a) God's _____ – v. 24 – Jesus went with Him Ps. 50:15 - “Call on Me in the day of trouble. I will deliver you and you will glorify Me.”

b) _____ for what you need – v. 23

c) Desire – v. 28 – urgency

d) _____ – v. 27

4. Hindrances to faith

- a) Man's reason – needs all the _____
- b) “I hope”
- c) " _____ " it is God's will – a consistent habit of never knowing that you're praying in God's will will eventually kill your faith.
- d) Doubt

WHAT ABOUT DOUBT? – Matt. 14:31 – “Why did you doubt?”

In each of us faith and doubt co-exist. Doubt does not disqualify – unbelief does. Doubt is _____ unbelief. It was faith that led him to say, "Lord, save me". Pray through your doubts – don't let them dominate you.

5. Faith-sized requests - "Ask for what you can specifically see God doing in a given length of time."

HOW MUCH FAITH DOES IT TAKE TO MOVE THE HAND OF GOD?

- 1) Acts 12:1-17 (v. 5)
 - 1. Unto God
 - 2. Earnestly
 - 3. The _____
 - 4. For him – specific

Yet they didn't believe the answer! BUT THEY HAD ENOUGH FAITH TO

2) Luke 5:1-8 "nevertheless" - THIS IS ENOUGH FAITH TO _____

3) Matt. 7:7,8 - “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

THIS IS FAITH ENOUGH TO _____ – to persist

