

O for a Faith that Will Not Shrink

The Ups and Downs of Saving Faith

Luke 22:31-34

The convictions associated with faith are an enabling force for meeting the challenges of life. Let us examine the nature of faith, see how it grows strong, and learn how to find comfort in our weak moments. We are, after all, called to serve, to live courageously though constantly beset with the weakness of our flesh.

Abraham's Contribution to Understanding Saving Faith

- Abraham, the most referenced example (Rom. 4; Gal. 3; Jas. 2:20-24; Heb. 7 and 11, cf. Gen. 15:6).
- Yet a man with ups and downs in his faith (cf. Gen. 12; 15; 17; 22)
- However, he grew, and along the way accomplished great things.
- It's not about perfection, but it is about fidelity.

Mustard Seeds and "Little Faith"

- "You of little faith" (Matt. 6:30; 8:26; 14:31; 16:8)
- Mustard seed faith (Matt. 13:30-32; 17:20; Lk. 17:1-10)
- The place of the heart (cf. Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23; Lk. 18:9-14; Matt. 21:31; Jn. 8:1-11; Mk. 7:1-8)

Called for a Purpose

- To Trust
- To Grow
- To Serve
- To Sacrifice and Deny Self
- To ENJOY (Matt. 11:27-30)

May God help us to develop an ever-growing faith. May we trust more, serve with greater zeal, sacrifice and deny self so we might enjoy our life in the kingdom. *O for a faith that will not shrink!*

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