

"Lord Increase Our Faith" Part 4

Luke 17:11-12

What happened next, the disciples were never expecting! In the rest of the text, Christ teaches us some great lessons on increasing our faith from a place the disciples would never have thought they could learn anything!

As they traveled through Samaria, they came across 10 men with leprosy. First, it was highly unusual for any Jew to be near Samaria. The Jews hated the Samaritans because they were "half-breeds". They were part Jew and part Gentile. Second, the 10 men were lepers. Leprosy was a disease where body parts would decay and fall off. If you had leprosy, you had to stay outside the camp and yell "Unclean" to warn others passing near that you were a leper. I am sure the disciples never thought that they could learn anything from leprosy Samaritans! After all, these 10 men were the despised of the despised!

If we want our faith to increase, we must first remember that we are servants to all. The Bible teaches that the first shall be last and the last shall be first! We are to be servants to all people no matter what they look like, smell like, or act like! Second, we must remember that we are to be students of all. Personally, I have learned some of the greatest lessons on faith and my relationship with God through my 3 year old daughter! I would have never thought it would be that way; however, I learn something from her almost every week! As we serve others and study from others, we will see our faith in God increase because only He could use anyone or anything to teach us and draw us closer to him!

Father, we ask you to help our faith to increase! We so desperately need to have more faith in you in the world in which we live. Remind us that you have placed us here to serve others and to study from them. May we never get to the point where we think we are above learning from anyone! Please give us more faith so we may serve you better!