

“Lord Increase Our Faith!” Part 1

Today’s Reading: Luke 17:1-5

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“And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.”

As you read the first four verses, you quickly see that God is teaching the disciples the much needed lesson of forgiving others. He teaches them that they should forgive others regardless of how much or how often they have wronged them. This is a very hard thing to do. Our nature will forgive someone one time maybe even twice; however if the person continues to do the same thing time after time, we just write them off and never forgive them again. God says that should never be so with Christians! As long as the person comes to you and apologizes for how they wronged you and ask your forgiveness, then we are to give it! No wonder why the disciples immediately asked God to increase their faith!

It takes great faith and trust in God to be able to forgive someone how God teaches us to forgive here. Forgiveness does not come easy to our human nature; however, the more we forgive others, the more we truly understand how God has forgiven us. How many times do we come to God asking for forgiveness for the same sin? Yet how many times does God not write us off but forgives us for that same exact sin? Every Time! (1 John 1:9)

The very first step to increasing your faith in God is to learn to forgive others how God has forgiven you! (Ephesians 4:32) As we forgive others, it shows us what Christ does for us and gives us more faith in such a loving and forgiving God. Also, remember The Bible warns us in Mark 11:25-26 that if we do not forgive others, then God will not forgive us. That is how important it is to God that we should have a forgiving spirit!

So do you really want your faith in God to be increased? Then we must begin to practice forgiveness of others exactly how God has forgiven us!

Father, we thank you that you are a God of mercy. We do not deserve your forgiveness, but you have promised us your forgiveness if we just ask. Help us to forgive other how you have forgiven us! May we truly learn to appreciate your forgiveness and see our faith continue to grow in you!