

"Lord, Increase Our Faith" Part 5

Luke 17:13-14

As we continue looking at this passage of Scripture, we now see that if we want our faith to increase, we must be willing to completely obey the commands of God. When the lepers cried out, "Master, have mercy on us", Jesus simply responded "Go Shew yourselves unto the priests." The lepers knew that only a person healed of leprosy could present himself to the priest to be re-instated to the camp. (Leviticus 14:1-11) However, all ten knew that they were lepers so what was the point of going to the priest just simply to be told they were still unclean. After all, the many other times Jesus healed people, he had touched them, used spit and clay, and many other manners. Every time, Jesus did something; however, this time, he wanted the 10 to do something. He wanted them to simply obey to be healed.

The Bible does not record that they were healed until they turned in obedience and headed toward the priest. They had to place complete trust and confidence in Jesus and be willing to obey even when it did not make sense.

God may ask us to do things that do not make sense and take steps that we can not always explain. But every time we simply take Him at His Word and obey; we will see our faith in Him increase by leaps and bounds! Are we willing to simply obey God completely?

Father, we agree with the father in Mark 9:24 when he said, "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief!" So often we have faith but not complete faith. May you give us the grace to rest completely in You and trust that what you command us to do will always be what is best for our life! We so much want our faith in you to increase in You! We see now that it will require us to simply trust and obey! Help us to learn to obey you more and more each day!