

# Big Faith - Part 2

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10:15 AM

Last week we said that Jesus challenged us to have BIG faith...

In Matthew 17 we saw that after their failure to deliver a demon possessed boy, Jesus rebuked the disciples for their "Little Faith" and then told them that if that had faith (as small as) (In the manner which) (Like) a mustard seed they would be able to say to this mountain move from here to there and it would move.

We said that the challenge was to have a Big Faith in a BIG God and to see the BIG Picture

This morning I want to take a different look at what it means to have BIG FAITH

## **Luke 18:1-8 New International Version (NIV)**

**18** Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. **2** He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. **3** And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

**4** "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, **5** yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'"

**6** And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. **7** And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? **8** I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

## **Kerry Mauldin Testimony**

*The mason for construction, came to the meeting October 28, 2018. He and his wife came and wanted to hear God's Word and they asked Melody and I to pray for them as they had no children as yet. Villagers count children as their most precious blessing!! families are so vital and close, depending on each other! We have lost that somewhat in America!!*

*We prayed for Raju (king) and Shruti to have a baby as gift from the Living God and to show them that Christ is the only way. We ask them to let us know if they get a girl or a boy!! They said if they get baby, they will follow...*

*Today we get report.... They will do slab by October, and THE REJOICING..... July 7, 275 days after praying...full term baby exactly... 39 1/2 weeks, they delivered a beautiful baby girl.*

*Now Raju and Shruthi are faithful and church is growing.*

*Our Church Member who has doing construction work(He is a Mason)his name is Raju. And his wife name is Shruthi..3 years back they got married but they don't have Children. He went to many hospitals but no use... they didn't got children....When you came to our village you and your team members prayed for them when You came to our village in October month.Then after both husband and wife helped in the church construction work. In the very next month November month God did a miracle in Raju-Shruthi life... Shruthi conceived and on this month July 7th date she was delivered a girl child. Glory to Jesus.... On delivery time she was so suffered lack of blood. I and our Church members were prayed for her God helped her for normal delivery..... After delivery again she was suffered from Urine infection... I and our Church members prayed for her and God answered our prayers and healed her... Yesterday that little girl 21st day and Cradle Ceremony service....All Glory to be Jesus alone....*

## **BIG FAITH KEEPS GOING...**

### **1. When the way is dark and the path uncertain**

#### **2 Corinthians 5:7 (ESV)**

**7** for we walk by faith, not by sight

#### **Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11 (NIV)**

**17** ... "The righteous will live by faith."

#### **Psalm 23:4 (NIV)**

**4** Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

## 2. When the journey is difficult, long and uphill

### **3 John 3 (NIV)**

**3** It gave me great joy when some believers came and testified about your faithfulness to the truth, telling how you continue to walk in it.

### **Hebrews 10:38 (NIV)**

**38** ...my righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back.”

### **2 Timothy 4:7 (NIV)**

**7** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

## 3. When culture or the church presents a different road

Joshua Harris... I Kissed My Faith Goodbye

LGBTB apologies... lessening of biblical standards on sexual purity... New and Old Doctrinal errors

### **1 Timothy 4:16 (NIV)**

**16** Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

1st Generation is radically transformed

2nd and 3rd generations are grateful that they live in the blessings of that transformation indirectly... They enjoy the fruit of it but they kind of drift into complacency.

And the 4th generation is generally clueless... They don't just reject the faith of the 1st generations; they don't even know the faith of the first generations...

#### 4. When what you have been believing for dies

##### **Luke 8:41-42 (ESV)**

**41** And there came a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue. And falling at Jesus' feet, he implored him to come to his house, **42** for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying.

##### **Luke 8:49-50 (ESV)**

**49** While he was still speaking, someone from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." **50** But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she will be well."