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PART 6 - LITTLE FAITH

In the last resource we looked at the Syrophenician woman who Jesus said had great faith. She had a great capacity in Christ to see what others couldn't see or possess. For this resource we are going to look at the Scriptures where Jesus told His disciples they had no or little faith.

Matthew 14:31 Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Matthew 16:8 But Jesus, aware of this, said, "You men of little faith, why do you discuss among yourselves that you have no bread?"

Matthew 17:20 And He said to them, "Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you.

Mark 4:40 And He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

You have walked with Jesus now for a significant amount of time and He says to you that you have little to no faith. These are His disciples He is speaking to. Men who cast out demons and spoke the words of the kingdom. A man who walked on water, who would be used in time in a significant way to see God's kingdom established, would hear these words, "you of little faith".

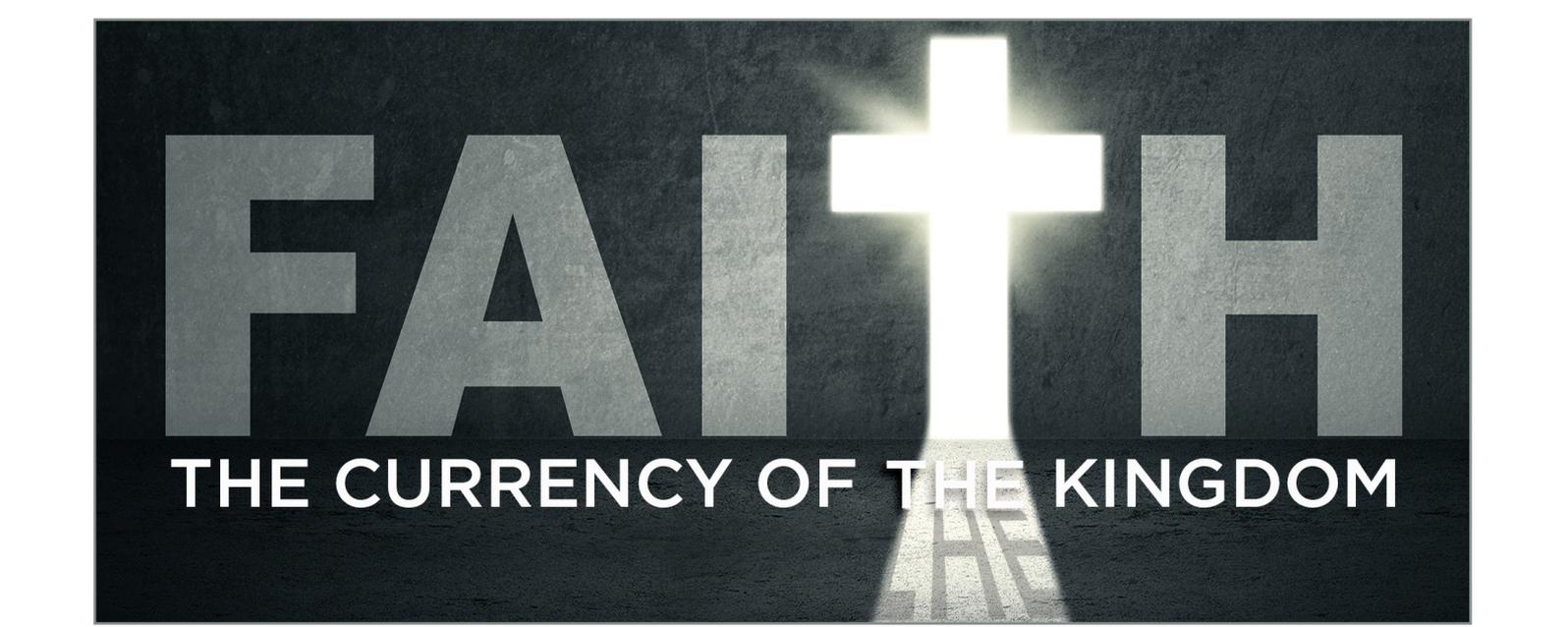
How can a man who walks on water be told he is a man of little faith? How can men that cast out demons and spoke of the kingdom, and saw Jesus do all His miracles, be told that they have no faith?

It is because of what faith actually is, compared to what we all believe, think and have been taught faith is.

Unfortunately, too many confuse faith with trust. Faith and trust are part of the same family, just like a brother and sister are, but faith and trust are not the same and operate quite differently. As we come into this understanding, we start to comprehend why Jesus told His disciples throughout the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke that they had little to no faith.

Little or no ability to know what was concealed in the Christ for them. Little to no ability to possess the inheritance which is concealed in Christ. Little to no ability to live from the finished work of God. Little or no ability to see the unseen seen realm, the future now reality.

Those who have little to no faith tend to always be looking back and believe where they have come from



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is better than where they are now and where God is taking them. There is a constant wrestle of, “things were better back there”, and this continues to hold God’s people back and keep them in a little to no faith reality, failing to lay hold of all we have been called and chosen for.

As God’s people we are to be going from one measure of faith to another, because of the constant revealing, the constant partaking of God’s living Word through the power of the Holy Spirit. This is how you know you are growing.

QUESTIONS

1. Why is having little to no faith as His follower so limiting to our growth and maturity?
2. Do you believe faith and trust are different as Greg states? Why do you believe this?
3. Where does this kind of faith come from which empowers growth and maturity, so we go from a position of little to no faith, to a position of great faith?