

## ***LOFTY FAITH, LOUSY ATTITUDE***



***Wow! What a sermon!***

***He had me on the edge of my seat.***

***When he got through, I felt like I could walk on water.***

***The man has faith! Marvelous faith.***

***And yet, when I came to him afterwards and asked him a simple question, he brushed me off.***

***No more loving words. No more radiant smiles.***

***Maybe I don't want that kind of faith.***

Great faith with a bad attitude is far worse than struggling faith with a good attitude.

A tender heart that stumbles toward Jesus will get all the help it needs.

But a hard heart that moves mountains by faith has already lost its way.

If our faith is focused on Jesus, how can we fail to be moved by his love?

And yet the Christian world is awash with a kind of hard-nosed, mean-spirited faith .... that baffles unbelievers.

They shake their heads and say.....

***These people are following Jesus?***

***The Jesus we heard about was never like that!***

The watching world observes our cold response to the cries of rage in the streets.



Our indifference to suffering which we have inflicted on these very people ....  
through our willful ignorance, our complicit silence.

The world out there hears us mutter and grumble at those cries of rage.

“What’s their problem?” we say, and thank God we were born white.

What happens to our lofty faith when this hard attitude shines through?

What happens to our “Christian witness”?

One could even ask,

What happened to our salvation?

***“Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed mercy on him.” And Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”***

***Luke 10:36&37***



*Good Samaritan* courtesy of Stephen Sawyer

*Lord, Lord we beg you to give us tender hearts... Hearts that are focused on you, hearts that are moved by your love. Show us any mean-spirited attitudes that lurk within us... open our eyes to our indifference, our complicit silence, our willful ignorance. Convict us. We repent of this mean spirit. Forgive us. Change our hearts so they overflow with tender-healing mercy in the face of suffering and injustice.*

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