

# WHERE IS YOUR FAITH?



***He said to them, "Where is your faith?"  
And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another,  
"Who then is this, that he commands even wind and water, and they obey him?"***

*Luke 8*

Jesus never sympathizes with our lack of faith.

To Jesus our lack of faith is absurd.

*"Why are you so full of doubt?"*

*"Why are you so afraid?"*

*"Believe! All things are possible to the one who believes!"*

When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, he said...

***"If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this sycamine tree,  
'Be rooted up, and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."***

*Luke 17*



**“Increase your faith? A speck of faith is all you need.”**

God gives us the power to believe, *but we have to exercise it.*

The Spirit gives us the power to trust, *but we have to do the trusting.*

God speaks, *but we have to open our ears and do something with what we hear.*

**“If you can do anything, have pity on us and help us!”**

**“If you can? Believe! All things are possible to him who believes.”**

**Immediately the father of the child cried out and said,**

***“I believe; help my unbelief!”***



**And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again.”**



**And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.**

Faith in God.

Faith in Jesus, the Living Word.

Faith that comes, when he says, "Come."

Faith that goes when he says, "Go."

When we panic, when we sulk, Jesus gives us no sympathy.

He simply says,

**"Where is your faith?"**



*Prayer: Lord, where is our faith when things seem unresolvable, impossible? Help our unbelief, our terror over the unseen. May we have the faith that dispels doubt and fear, may we have the faith that believes you can do anything, anything. And yes, help us to grasp the trust planted in our hearts by your Spirit, to exercise the belief you give us. Help us to open our ears and do something with what we hear. Give us the faith to not give in to panic and to not wrap ourselves in self-pity and sulking. Jesus, lift us up so we can easily come when you say "come" and easily go when you say "go" even if all the faith we have is a speck. May we come to the point where you won't have to ask us "where is your faith"? ....because our hearts trust you so deeply. Amen.*

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