

According to Your Faith

As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" "Yes, Lord," they replied. Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you;" and their sight was restored. Jesus warned them sternly, "See that no one knows about this." But they went out and spread the news about him all over that region. Matthew 9:27-31

Doubt and unbelief hinder the work of God in our lives. We see this occurring in Matthew 13:53-58. Jesus goes to His hometown of Nazareth and taught in the synagogue. His teaching was amazing! His great wisdom and knowledge astonished the people. Instead of embracing the gift of God, they began talking and inquiring among themselves about His identity. The Bible says that Jesus could not perform many miracles there because of their unbelief.

Jesus, however, performed many miracles throughout His ministry. Many of them He performed were due to the faith of the ones in need as in our supporting scripture. The blind men asked Jesus to have mercy on them, then Jesus asked if they believed that He was able to grant their request. They replied, "Yes, Lord." Hebrews 11: 6 tells us that without faith it is impossible to please God. Why make your request known to God and doubt that He will hear your prayer? If I ask you for anything, it's because I believe you can grant my request. This is exactly how we should approach prayer. We should believe that God will hear and answer our supplications. He will move mountains when we trust His Word. Don't give up! Hold on, no matter how long it takes. It took fifteen years for the things God promised me to begin to come into fruition. I never shared the promise with anyone—not even with those whom I knew had my best interest at heart. I held on to it even when it looked as though it would not materialize.

Don't be like the woman found in Mark 5:25-34 whose issue was blood. For twelve years she was losing blood while going to many doctors for treatments. She had tried everything but failed and spent all that she had. But one day she heard that Jesus was coming to town. She had nothing left to lose. Feeling desperate, she worked her way through the crowd and grabbed a hold to the hem of Jesus' garment, believing that just one touch from Him could do what the doctors could not do. Although the crowd was moving in on Him, Jesus recognized her touch was different. She was healed immediately, and He said to her, "Daughter your faith has made you whole."

Child of God, all you need is one touch from God to turn your situation around. Don't you realize that the God we serve is Almighty, Undefeatable, All Powerful, and One who is able to do exceedingly and abundantly, above all you could ever think or ask? Then why would you ever doubt Him? As a Good Father, He only wants the best for His children. So, be assured that if you did not receive whatever was requested, it wasn't good for you.

Sisters and brothers don't wait until everything has failed before you try Jesus. Go to Him first. Acknowledge that you have no power or ability to fix your situation and that you just don't know what to do. Believe God's Word which cannot fail, and He will come through according to your faith.

Blessings!

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