

Sermon Notes

What Faith Can Do and what the lack of faith can do

Matthew 17:14-23

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

A dad brings his son to Jesus for exorcism-healing.

The disciples couldn't heal him.

Jesus responds, "O faithless and crooked generation..."

If we don't act in faith, people who are watching us may be turned away from faith.

Jesus cast the demon out of the boy.

Why were the disciples not able to cast out the demon?

Because of their little faith

Jesus gives a proverb about faith - mustard seed and mountains

(ref.: Isaiah 40:3-5)

We can move giant obstacles to people trusting Jesus,
if we trust and depend on Him.

**We are to show people, what trusting in God looks like,
what depending on God, *instead of self*, looks like.**

Prayer is an expression of faith.

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

Application questions for 6-15-2014 sermon Matthew 17:14-23

Do you think you should be in a different place than you are in your level of trust and dependance upon God?

Do you want to trust God more? That may be quantitatively more, or it may be in more situations?

How do you think you are affected by the world around you, filled with people who trust themselves or who go through their days just getting stuff done oblivious to God?

Do you fall into the trap of not walking through your day aware of and depending on God, moment by moment, situation by situation?

Who is watching you, to see how you exercise faith, or not - non-believers, other people in the church, your friends, your spouse, your kids? And what do you think they are seeing? Are they seeing a model of faith that might help them have faith?

When you look at non-Christians around you - neighbors, family, coworkers, etc. - do you see possibility or obstacles to them coming to faith?

What might you need to do with those folks? Identify specific people.

Is there a discouraged Christian that needs you to come alongside them and encourage them in their faith - to trust God enough to obey Him, to just hold on to God their their difficulties, or something else?