

“NEVER ENOUGH?”

Luke 17:5-10 - Pastor Bruce French

What must we do to increase our faith?

1. We must receive the _____ of faith. Luke 17:6

commit to: *Accepting God's gift of _____.*

2. We must embrace the _____ of faith. Luke 17:7-9

commit to: *Accepting God's sovereign _____.*

3. We must exercise the _____ of faith. Luke 17:10

commit to: *Accepting God's call to _____.*

Take Home Truth

Our faith is _____ when we _____.

Today's Core Practice:

Faith: Being sure of what I hope for and certain of what I do not see, I exhibit faith that pleases God.
(from Hebrews 11:1, 6)

Today's Actions:

1. Complete today's Deeper Connection Study



Deeper Connection

In this brief section, Jesus converses with his disciples about faith and service. It is a further opportunity for Jesus to guide his disciples in the ways of God's kingdom. *Today's Core Practice discussed: Faith.*

Read Luke 17:5-10

1. Why do you think the disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith (v. 5)? What are they expecting?
2. How does Jesus respond to their request (v. 6; cf. Matt. 17:20)? Why is his illustration so poignant yet powerful?
3. What is faith and why is it essential for followers of Christ (cf. Heb. 11:6)?
4. How would you like Jesus to increase your faith? What areas of your life call for more faith (cf. 2 Cor. 5:7)?
5. Why does Jesus give a parable about service (vv. 7-10)? How should disciples view their obedience to the Master?
6. How do Jesus' words help us avoid having a rewards mentality when we serve? What motivates you to serve the Lord?

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Praise God for guiding and directing your life. Pray for faith to follow Jesus wherever and whenever he leads. Ask God to deepen your trust in him and give you joy as you faithfully serve him.

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Guidelines for Godly Living

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Have you had a situation in the last few months when you thought, "I don't know if I have enough faith for this?" Maybe your faith was faltering because of a severe trial that involved your health, or the health of someone you loved. Perhaps it was a conflict with another individual that was emotionally draining which weakened your faith. It might have just been the daily grind that produced some doubts causing you to question your faith. Whatever it might have been, did you find yourself praying, "Father, increase my faith?"

After Jesus had explained to his disciples that if they caused another brother or sister to wander from their faith because they themselves willfully sinned, that it would be better for them to have a millstone hung around their neck and thrown into the sea, the disciples declared, "Increase our faith." Though Luke didn't explain why the disciples followed with that request, we can surmise it was because they realized that if they were going to lead God's people they were going to need a lot more faith.

Thankfully Jesus responded to their request, and in doing so provided the solution for our weak faith as well!