



## “More About Faith” part 2 Sun March 24, 2024

- I. **Luke 18:1-8**
  - A. What is God looking for?
    1. Someone that He can show Himself strong (Reveal His nature and His will).
    2. Someone with Faith (Faith is the only way to receive from God.)
  - B. The Story is about praying in Faith
    1. Do not confuse the UNJUST judge with God (Who is Just in all things).
    2. Jesus identifies how the world thinks about God...
      - Most People believe God answers in His timing (like the unjust judge).
      - Most People believe God is weary with their prayers, so they bypass the little requests and save up for the big ones.
    3. How does God answer? Speedily! / *Does a believer have the right to pray, “If it be thy will?”*
    4. **James 5:13-16** (So uncommon today – The Church simply does not know how to pray) / Are you a commanding voice that activates the will of God?
      - Faith is not an emotion, and it has no emotion.
      - Faith does not know what fear is...what doubt is...what hatred is.../ Therefore it is not moved by emotion (It’s not pleading and crying that puts you in the presence of God; it is not more praying or prayer groups that move God. It is the *“Effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man...”*)
      - *Find the Will of God, Pray the Will of God, Receive the Will of God!*
- II. Eliminating Doubt & Unbelief
  - A. **Matthew 17:14-20**
    1. There is only one hindrance...just one that keeps you from receiving from God: Unbelief! (When the father of the son in **Mark 9:24** said, “Help my unbelief”, Jesus did not respond! There is no help for unbelief; eradicate it from your life completely!).
    2. Notice what Jesus said... *“Oh FAITHLESS Generation...”*
    3. When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith in **Luke 17:5-6**, Jesus said the same thing: *“If you have faith like a seed...then speak with authority, believing God that He will always perform His Word for those who trust in Him.”*
  - B. **If a thought of doubt enters my mind, does that mean I lost my faith?**
    1. The key is not allowing doubt in your heart so it doesn’t come out of your mouth – Jesus said to Jairus, *“Don’t be afraid, only believe.”* / *“Whosoever believes and doesn’t doubt in his heart...”*
    2. But remember, an immediate response to doubt is paramount; cast it down, speak to it and bring it into captivity – this is spiritual warfare!