



“More About Faith”

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- I. **Matthew 15:21-28**
 - A. Crying or Worshipping?
 1. Notice this:
 - When she cried (begging): Jesus answered her not a word.
 - When she worshipped: Jesus gave her an answer.
 2. Although Jesus was legally bound by God’s law to only the lost house of Israel, the woman from Canaan received from God because of her determination and expectation. This is what Faith is all about: *“Oh woman, Great is your faith; be it unto you even as you desire!”*
 - B. Understanding Faith in a whole new way (God’s Way).
 1. Faith is not an emotion, and it has no emotion.
 2. 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...”James 5:16*).
 3. Faith is moved by worship because worship is an act of submission...and it is only through the law of submission that anyone ever receives from God.

- II. Changing Your Thinking / Renewing your mind to think like God thinks
 - A. **Romans 12:1-2**
 1. If it’s only through faith that we can please God and also receive from God, then it would only make sense that all of God’s people understand exactly what it is and how to incorporate faith in our everyday walk with God!
 - Faith is Believing God (not just believing in God).
 - We walk by Faith not by sight (never moved by emotion).
 - Faith is trusting God, knowing that He is always faithful to His Word; when you come to God through His Word, you will know that He always wants His best for you and there is never a “Plan B”. (**Hebrews 11:6**).
 2. We are creatures of habit – people doing the same things the same way.
 - The garbage can story – it’s time to move some garbage cans around.
 - Israelites only knew bondage and slavery for 400 years...so even after seeing the plagues, the red sea parted, when they had no food and water (2 different occasions), they murmured and complained...Egypt had become so much a part of their thinking, that is exactly where they went back to! (The devil does the same to the believer today).
 - B. No Doubt...
 1. **James 1:5-8**
 - **Nothing wavering....no doubt / Mark 11:23-24**

- **Double Minded – Two-spirited; vacillating in opinion or purpose**
- 2. **Matthew 14:31** / Doubt - Waver
- C. **Understanding the 5 kinds of Prayer in the Bible**
 1. **Prayer of Wisdom** – Direction and Guidance
 2. **Prayer of Petition or Request – Psalm 37:4** (Specific desire or need)
 3. **Prayer of Intercession** – Jesus said to Peter, “I have prayed for you...”
 4. **Prayer of the Spirit** – Praying in other tongues
 5. **Prayer of Faith – James 5:15**
 - **A Commanding Voice That Activates the Will of God**
 - *If you look at what Jesus did in the 3 years of ministry on this earth, it was the prayer of faith that He utilized to calm the seas, heal the sick, cast out devils, and raise the dead. Jesus did not ask...He commanded! Even in **Mark 6:41**, Jesus did not ask God to multiply the bread and fish...He looked up to heaven and blessed!*
 - **Isaiah 45:11** “Ask me of things to come; concerning the works of my hands, command ye me.”
 - *We ask for wisdom, direction, and specific requests.*
 - *But we command anything under the curse, anything from the devil, anything hindering, causing pain or trouble...we speak directly to it by the divine purpose of God’s hand to move / Speak to the mountain and it will move! (this is so uncommon today...people simply do not know how to pray).*
 - *What did Jesus do? That is what I should do! (Do not ask for healing...ask for wisdom concerning what is withholding your healing, then command it to leave and it shall be so.)*
 - *Does a believer have the right to pray “If it be thy will?”*