



DO NOT FEAR, ONLY BELIEVE!

July 18, 21 | Luke 8:40-56 | Pastor Foster

- Jesus CARES and Jesus CAN!
- The beginning of faith is often at the end of yourself (fall at His feet!)
- It's never too late to come to Jesus (and it's never unsafe either)
- Jesus sees, celebrates, and responds to FAITH
 - Faith in God's power
 - Faith in God's timing
 - Faith in God's purpose

People who fall at the feet of Jesus in the Gospels

Luke 5:8	Peter, after the miraculous catch
Luke 7:38	The forgiven woman who washes his feet with perfume
Luke 8:41	Jairus, concerned for dying daughter
Luke 8:47	The woman with the bleeding problem
Luke 10:39	Mary as she listens to his teaching
Luke 17:16	The Samaritan leper after being healed
Mark 7:25	The Phoenician woman whose daughter was possessed by a demon
John 11:32	Mary after Lazarus has died
John 12:3	Mary as she washes his feet with perfume

Hearing Jesus about FAITH in Matthew, Mark, and Luke

Verse	Situation	Text
Luke 5:20 (Matthew 9:2, Mark 2:5)	A man who is paralyzed is brought to Jesus by his friends	When Jesus saw their faith , he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."
Luke 7:9 (Matthew 8:10)	A centurion asks Jesus to heal his servant from afar	I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel
Luke 7:50	A woman with a bad reputation washes Jesus feet with perfume	Jesus said to the women, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."
Luke 8:25 (Matthew 8:26, Mark 4:40)	Jesus calms the storm	Where is your faith ?
Luke 8:48 (Matthew 9:22, Mark 5:34)	Jesus heals the woman with the bleeding problem who touches him	Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.
Luke 8:50 (Mark 5:36)	Jesus raises Jairus' daughter from the dead	Do not fear, only believe , and she will be healed.
Luke 12:28 (Matthew 6:30)	Jesus teaches on worry	How much more will God clothe you – you of little faith ?
Luke 17:6	Jesus teaches on faith	If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it will obey you.
Luke 17:19	Jesus heals the ten lepers and the Samaritan one returns	Rise and go. Your faith has made you well.
Luke 18:42 (Mark 10:52)	Jesus heals Bartimaeus from blindness	Receive your sight. Your faith has healed you.
Matthew 9:29	Jesus heals two men from blindness as they express faith in him	Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you"
Matthew 13:58	Jesus is rejected in his hometown	And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith
Matthew 14:31	Peter begins to sink when he takes his eyes off of Jesus	You of little faith , why did you doubt?
Matthew 15:28	Jesus delivers the daughter of a woman from Canaan	Woman, you have great faith ! Your request is granted.
Matthew 16:8	Jesus rebukes his disciples for their lack of faith	You of little faith , why are you talking about having no bread?

Matthew 17:20	Jesus teaches the disciples about their need for more faith to do his work	Because you have so little faith . Truly I say to you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, “Move from here to there,” and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.
Matthew 21:21 (Mark 11:22)	Jesus teaches his disciples about faith	Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but you can say to this mountain, “Go throw yourself into the sea,” and it will be done.
Mark 9:23	Jesus heals a boy possessed by a demon after the father asks, “if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.”	“If you can?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible or the one who believes.”

FURTHER REFLECTION

- Meditate on Ephesians 6:10-20. Memorize 1 Peter 5:8-9 and 1 John 4:4.
- Read this story about Monty Williams – <https://sportspectrum.com/sport/basketball/2021/07/01/nba-finals-monty-williams-coaching-to-serve/>
- Read “Of Faith and Fear” - www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/kevin-deyoung/of-faith-and-fear/
- Reading “Moving from fear to faith” - www.olivetree.com/blog/moving-from-fear-to-faith/
- Listen to “See a Victory” - www.youtube.com/watch?v=A13VcChbPBY
- Listen to “Come to Jesus” - www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y8-7jDXENKO
- Read Anxious for Nothing by Max Lucado

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. Was there any person in the accounts we looked at today that you could relate with personally? Who and how?
3. Has the Lord ever brought you to an end of yourself? Were you able to surrender to him or not really? What has he done in your heart and life in those kinds of moments or seasons?
4. Have you ever been tempted to feel like it’s too late to come to Jesus? Explain.
5. Who is someone you know who has a strong faith that really impresses you? What is it about their faith that inspires you so much?
6. Read Hebrews 11:1-6. What do we learn about faith in this passage?
7. Read some of the verses in the table “Hearing Jesus about FAITH” that we have provided. What stands out to you in these verses?
8. Where do you most need more faith right now – in God’s power, timing, or purpose? Explain.
9. If someone asked you for some help in building their faith, what would you say or recommend?
10. What is one specific application you believe the Lord might want you to make after hearing this message?

CURRENT IN-PERSON SUNDAY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 AM

- Bridge (room 326)
- Cornerstone (room 229)
- Ladies Bible (room 227)
- Welcoming & Befriending Internationals (room 224)

11:00 AM

- Kid's Sunday School (ages birth – 4-y/o)
- Bruce/Claybrook (room 228) *class begins at 10:45*
- Men's Class (room 224)
- Timeline to Eternity (room 226) *virtual recap with instructor, Eric Nelson, at 1:00*
- Zimmerman/Scesa (room 327)