

## “Lord, Increase Our Faith”

(Part 2)

Luke 17:5

## Faith Can Change

- **Work of faith.** *1 Thessalonians 1:3*
- **Vain faith.** *1 Corinthians 15:14,17, 58*
- **Unfeigned faith.** *2 Timothy 1:5*
- **Saving faith.** *James 2:14*
- **Dead faith.** *James 2:26*
- **Working faith.** *James 2:24*

## Apostles' Dissatisfaction With Their Faith

### Their faith had failed them.

- In the storm they were afraid. *Matthew 8:23-26*
- On the sea, Peter doubted. *Matthew 14:26-31*
- On the Mount of Transfiguration, they failed to perform a miracle. *Matthew 17:19-20*

### They did not despair.

- **They sought improvement.**
  - NOTE: *2 Corinthians 13:5; Philippians 3:13-16; Ephesians 6:10-14a; 1 Corinthians 16:13*

## The Necessity of Increasing Our Faith

- **We are saved by faith.** *Ephesians 2:1-8; Romans 5:1; Galatians 3:26-29*
- **We live by faith.** *2 Corinthians 5:7; Galatians 2:20*
- **Faith is the foundation of our hope.** *Hebrews 11:1,6; cf. 2 Timothy 1:12; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18*

## Lord Increase Our Faith...

- **In times of temptation.** *James 1:1-2; 1 John 5:4; 1 Corinthians 10:12-13*
- **In times of sadness and sorrow.** *Matthew 15:28; Daniel 3:13-18; Hebrews 13:5-6; 12:1; Philippians 2:12-16; Romans 8:31-39*
- **In time of duty and obedience.**
  - Forgiveness. *Luke 17:1-4; Colossians 3:12-15*
  - Giving *1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7; 8:1-3*
  - Assembling. *Hebrews 10:24-25; Acts 20:7*
  - Seeking the kingdom first. *Matthew 6:33*

**Faith is shown in obedience! James 2:18**

## The Manner Of Increasing Our Faith

- **Desire for more faith.** *cf. Luke 17:5*
- **Resort to the source of faith ... God's word.** *Romans 10:17*
- **Appropriate to our hearts and lives the teachings of God's word.** *James 1:21ff; 2:14ff*
  - Pray for health ... take care of our bodies.
  - Pray for daily bread ... work diligently.
  - Pray for the lost ... go or send a teacher.
  - Pray for increase of faith ... use the measure we have and seek to grow. (*cf. Matthew 13:12*)

***The Manner Of Increasing Our Faith***

- ***Use it or lose it!!!***
  - True in the natural world.
    - Limb of the body.
    - Fish in Mammoth Cave, KY
  - True in the spiritual world. ***Matthew 25***
- We must use the measure we have and seek to grow. (cf. ***Matthew 13:12***)
- An increase of faith means an increase of every Christian virtue. (cf. ***2 Peter 1:5-7***)

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- We are involved in a fight of faith. ***1 Timothy 6:12***
- We labor in a work of faith. ***1 Thessalonians 1:3***
- We are a member of the household of faith. ***Galatians 6:10***

***Our salvation is dependent upon this prayer and its answer!!!***