

# **According to Your Faith Let It Be to You**

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Faith is a gift of God, not of ourselves.

**Eph 2:8 (NKJV)** For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; **it is the gift of God,**

**Eph 2:9 (NKJV)** not of works, lest anyone should boast.

It is essential that you understand where Faith comes from and how God drags us to himself through faith. This study by Ayo Fabiyi covers this in detail.

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With that foundation laid, we are going to focus on the importance of faith for us personally and then discuss how we must see faith in others before we can help them.

Christ will not heal you until you know that you have a problem, you want to be healed, and you believe He can heal you. We must first learn this lesson in our own lives, and then we can become like Christ and only labor to help people that God has prepared to be healed. This is an essential prerequisite to evangelism.

**Mat 9:27 (NKJV)** When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!"

**Mat 9:28 (NKJV)** And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord."

**Mat 9:29 (NKJV)** Then He touched their eyes, saying, "**According to your faith let it be to you.**"

## **What is faith:**

**Heb 11:1 (ESV)** Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

**Heb 11:2 (ESV)** For by it the people of old received their commendation.

These two blind men obviously knew that they had a problem because they were seeking mercy. Christ then asks them a question to find out what is in their heart. They did believe that he could heal them, which is faith. Throughout this study, we're going to see how important it is to discern if someone has faith so we can respond properly.

**Heb 11:6 (ESV)** And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists **and that he rewards those who seek him.**

God is a good father and he wants his children to think properly about him and approach him in the right way.

### **Step #1: We need to ASK**

**Jas 4:2 (NKJV)** You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. **Yet you do not have because you do not ask.**

Where is this war taking place?

**Eph 6:12 (NKJV)** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, **against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.**

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### **Any why do we not ask?**

We don't know we are sick at first and need help.

**Mar 2:17 (NKJV)** When Jesus heard *it*, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call *the* righteous, **but sinners, to repentance.**"

We think evil of God and don't expect a good answer.

**Mat 7:7 (NKJV)** "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

**Mat 7:8 (NKJV)** For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

**Mat 7:9 (NKJV)** **Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone?**

**Mat 7:10 (NKJV)** **Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent?**

**Mat 7:11 (NKJV)** If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

God has revealed what is in our thoughts to Jesus, and he knows that we doubt God and don't think properly of him.

**Mat 9:4 (NKJV)** But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "**Why do you think evil in your hearts?**"

As the Christ of Christ will first be given the ability to discern the faults in our own thoughts and then we will be able to properly judge others as Jesus did.

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### **We must also ask for the right reasons**

**Jas 4:3 (NKJV)** You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend *it* on your pleasures.

**1Ki 3:5 (NKJV)** At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?"

**1Ki 3:9 (NKJV)** **Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people**, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?"

**1Ki 3:10 (NKJV)** The speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing.

**1Ki 3:11 (NKJV)** Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice,

**1Ki 3:12 (NKJV)** behold, I have done according to your words; see, **I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you.**

**1Ki 3:13 (NKJV)** And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days.

**1Ki 3:14 (NKJV)** So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

**Mat 6:33 (NKJV)** But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, **and all these things shall be added to you.**

## **#2 We must want to be healed**

**Joh 5:6 (NKJV)** When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been *in that condition* a long time, He said to him, "**Do you want to be made well?**"

Why did Jesus even have to ask this question? Because sometimes the cost of being healed is greater than we are willing to pay.

**Mar 10:17 (NKJV)** Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, **what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?**"

He passed step #1, he asked.

**Mar 10:18 (NKJV)** So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good but One, *that is*, God.

**Mar 10:19 (NKJV)** You know the commandments: 'DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY,' 'DO NOT MURDER,' 'DO NOT STEAL,' 'DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS,' 'Do not defraud,' 'HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER.'"

**Mar 10:20 (NKJV)** And he answered and said to Him, "Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth."

**Mar 10:21 (NKJV)** Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me."

**Mar 10:22 (NKJV) But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.**

**Mar 10:23 (NKJV)** Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!"

The rich young ruler had yet not suffered enough to be willing to give up everything to inherit the Kingdom of God.

**Luk 14:25 (NKJV)** Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them,

**Luk 14:26 (NKJV)** "If anyone comes to Me and does not **hate** his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, **yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.**

**Luk 14:27 (NKJV)** And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

Christ then goes on to tell this parable about counting the cost.

**Luk 14:28 (NKJV)** For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and **count the cost**, whether he has *enough* to finish *it*—

**Luk 14:29 (NKJV)** lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see *it* begin to mock him,

**Luk 14:30 (NKJV)** saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'

**Luk 14:31 (NKJV)** Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?

**Luk 14:32 (NKJV)** Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace.

**Luk 14:33 (NKJV) So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.**

As we live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God, we will at first find the cost to be too high. It is only after tremendous suffering that we come to see everything is vanity and the only peace is found in complete obedience to God through Christ. This is a lesson we slowly learn over time.

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How do we learn this lesson? The wickedness that God causes in our lives will teach us. We will get so sick of it that we will beg for deliverance from sin and desire obedience to God above all else.

**Jer 2:19 (NKJV) Your own wickedness will correct you,** And your backslidings will rebuke you. Know therefore and see that *it is* an evil and bitter *thing* That you have forsaken the LORD your God, And the fear of Me *is* not in you," Says the Lord GOD of hosts.

### **Step #3. We must believe that God can heal us through Christ**

**Mat 13:53 (NKJV)** Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these parables, that He departed from there.

**Mat 13:54 (NKJV) When He had come to His own country,** He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, "Where did this *Man* get this wisdom and *these* mighty works?

**Mat 13:55 (NKJV)** Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas?

**Mat 13:56 (NKJV)** And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this *Man* get all these things?"

**Mat 13:57 (NKJV)** So they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house."

**Mat 13:58 (NKJV) Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.**

We can ask, and want to be healed, but if we do not have faith that God can and will do it, it won't happen.

**Jas 1:5 (ESV)** If any of you lacks **wisdom**, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

**Jas 1:6 (ESV)** But let him ask in faith, **with no doubting**, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.

**Jas 1:7 (ESV)** **For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;**

**Jas 1:8 (ESV)** he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

**Mar 11:22 (NKJV)** So Jesus answered and said to them, "**Have faith in God.**

**Mar 11:23 (NKJV)** For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' **and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.**

**Mar 11:24 (NKJV)** Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*.

So what do you do if you find yourself lacking faith?

**Mar 9:23 (NKJV)** Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things *are* possible to him who believes."

**Mar 9:24 (NKJV)** Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "**Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!**"

**Rom 10:17 (NKJV)** So then faith *comes* by hearing, **and hearing by the word of God.**

Believe that God is generous.

**Jas 1:5 (NKJV)** If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all **liberally** (generously) and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

**Mal 3:10 (NKJV)** Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "**If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That *there will not be room enough to receive it.***

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**Deu 28:1 (NKJV)** "Now it shall come to pass, **if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today**, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.

<http://tryingthespirits.com/2011-12/the-law-of-moses-versus-the-law-of-the-spirit/>

**Deu 28:11 (NKJV)** And the LORD will grant you plenty of goods, in the **fruit of your body**, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you.

**Deu 28:12 (NKJV)** The LORD will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.

**Deu 28:13 (NKJV)** And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe *them*.

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