

FAITH MADE EASY

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GREETINGS in the wonderful name of Jesus! I would like to welcome all of you to this Live broadcast of Dynamic Love Ministries where we are ministering the grace of God, the goodness of God, to see people empowered by the life of God, when you can experience everything that He has dreamt for you, at His expense, on His power, on what He has done for us in His death and resurrection. .

I would like to welcome everybody who slotted in for the first time by people from all over the world. I know people from all over the world so welcome. You will be deeply blessed during this message by just understanding how God made faith easy in Jesus Christ. We are going to talk about passages where the Bible says that your faith has made you whole or your faith has healed you or even where Jesus said, "Let it be according to your faith." I will just explain what is meant when Jesus said that and what was in the heart of Matthew, Mark and Luke when they wrote those passages. What was the idea. Was it the idea to get people to focus on faith and having a lot of faith?" What was their plan? Why did they write that? So, again, welcome to everybody that is watching.

TESTIMONY I would like to testify a little about the trip I went on to Malawi where I preached at a conference sharing the Gospel of God's grace, sharing just the love of God and the goodness of God with people in that area. The invitation came through Marty Happle who is in New Jersey. Marty arranged this and I went and preached in Malawi. It is amazing to see how open people are for the Gospel of Grace even if they were believing things in a different way. As we come and we share the Gospel and minister the message there, we saw how peoples' lives were impacted.

We had a bit of an incident there where the man who came there before me preached a message on finances that was just completely out of line. I prayed and said, "God, You need to help me. I don't want to cause a fight or a stir or something unnecessary like that but You know that this guy is not preaching the truth." I can still tolerate it if people have their own version of a truth but when I felt that this preacher was manipulating people in a very bad way, I almost want to say that I felt the power of God inside me and I said, "Lord, I don't want to say anything." Let me put it this way: I asked God to help me and He didn't so I stood up and this is what the Lord put in my heart and it was actually an amazing sign. I couldn't think of it myself. The people that were giving the money, at the end of the day there were a few who couldn't give and didn't have any money.

When I had an opportunity to preach I just called those who couldn't give to come forward and I gave them money. I gave each of them a good amount of money, much more than they could work for in a week. They were so blessed by that! The voice that God gave was, "Do you see that those that didn't do anything, God was good to them! " By that I am not saying that we cannot do anything, that we cannot give and be generous. But the moment you want to be saved by your works, you are going to find God being merciful to those that you think don't deserve it. Then I shared a little bit about finances and then got into the message of grace.

There was also a friend of mine from Uganda. We were preaching together in unison. I'm either the white version of him or he is the black version of me. We just preached out of one mouth! It was so good to see this unity and what the Bible calls the unity of the faith. As we ministered we could see these people so blessed with the Good News! People started to shout and clap their hands and so happy because of the Good News!

We could just see how the pastor, the host who arranged this whole meeting, was blessed more and more and more. At the end of the conference he said, "I've learned so much and I am so grateful for this Good News!" The message of grace is just going out all over the world! I am so excited about what is going on and how people are being impacted by this message and how we can stand up boldly and preach the Gospel of Grace unashamedly and see the effect that this message has on peoples' lives. I want to encourage you. Sometimes in a situation you may feel that this is going to be a bit confrontational but if you do it in the love of God with the boldness of the Holy Spirit, it bears good fruit. So if you feel to do something, say something, please do it.

Helena and I will be leaving for Brazil on August 23. We will be in Brazil preaching at the Abba Leaders Conference there. Earlier this year I went to the Abba Church and preached there at the Cinema Church and also in the Bible School. So, the pastor of this Abba Church invited me back and also said that they would pay for a ticket for Helena to come. So, I am so excited to go and preach to these leaders and bring the Gospel of God's grace! God is just opening doors more and more and the great thing about it all is all effortless! Glory to God!

Another wonderful testimony that I can share with you is that there is a great possibility for us to have our own TV station of which all the air time is sponsored! Now that is a great gift! It is amazing! We are busy talking with the people who asked us to do this. Apparently it is a company that bought three stations. They want two secular stations and one Gospel station. They needed somebody to basically put up and manage all the content programming. Obviously we said, "Yes!" to that. It will be a Grace channel! Glory to God... nothing but Grace! In our contract we are going to stipulate that we will not have a sin conscious driven message but a message that talks about the grace and the love of God for people, the innocence for people, a message of no condemnation, which encourages people to the love of God. That is what it is going to be all about! I'm so excited about that! And do you know what is so wonderful about all of that? We didn't even "faith" for it!!! We just rested in God and continued in the love of the Lord and here these things come! It's almost too good to be true! All the air time, twenty-four hours a day, is sponsored! We just need to put the Grace preachers in there. Glory to God, I have met a lot of Grace preachers so we can start to put people in there. We are going to build a time line and all of that and we will definitely stream that by YouTube as well so it won't just be available in South Africa but all over the world! I'm excited about that!

Communion

John 15:

3 Now you are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can you, except you abide in me.

When we read that passage, traditionally we have put the focus so much on what **WE** need to do. We put the focus on, "Are you abiding or not?" It is five lessons on how to abide. That is what happened there. But, I don't think Jesus was trying to give five lessons on how to abide but Jesus was trying to teach people what **HE** does. He was saying to them, "Of yourself you cannot bear any fruit. You cannot bring forth fruit. You cannot bear fruit of yourself."

Then He says, and this is what He tries to put the focus on, “Just as a branch itself cannot bear fruit, so you cannot bear fruit on your own. It would be Me bringing forth the fruit in you.” He also says there that they are clean through the Word which He has spoken to them. That word, clean, also means pruned. The Bible says that he who bears fruit, He will prune. That pruning has always been taught as a very painful process, where God, through hard times, prunes away everything that you love too much so that you can focus on His love for you! That is not the truth! That is not what is spoken there.

What He was saying is that He will take away what doesn't bear fruit and He will bring forth fruit through that Word, through the Word that God brings forth fruit in you. That Word cleanses us. That Word prunes us. How does it prune us? It prunes your belief. It prunes your understanding of who you are and who God is. It also prunes your belief and cleans your belief on how truth comes forth.

We see that Jesus Christ came and He dealt with the fruit of the flesh in the death and in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. That is what this whole Communion thing is all about. It is about God ending what destroys us. We need to know that Matthew 6 says, “Shall we continue in sin now that we are under grace?” Then he says, “God forbids!” That is a very powerful word. In Afrikaans, it has a weak way of saying it. It doesn't carry the power of “God forbids.” God forbids means God will stop it. God will stop its existence. So when we are in grace we are in the place where we rely and believe upon God to end our sin. When we are under the Law, we are relying on our ability to obey the Law to change our life because the Law would say, “Do this good thing or do that good thing.” Then you would obey the Law and as you are obeying the Law you are parting from a sinful life in your obedience to the Law. Then the whole new life is based on your ability to keep rules and regulations.

Wherein Grace, we are not doing that. We are saying, and this is what we are believing, that when the body of Jesus Christ was broken, our old life, our life of sin, was broken and brushed away and it ended. He came and actually took our old life even unto death. That is what He did. He ended that old way of living and then by the power of the Holy Spirit, He conquered our sin and conquered our death in our physical death. He brought forth a brand new man, a new creation. We can almost say that He brought forth a new kind of a human being, or actually the true human being that He had in mind from the beginning, and that human being includes us. Since He brought forth the new man and we, now, inside that man, and the whole focus is on Him to bring forth the fruit in us, there is no need for behavior modification, law system thing because everything that is needed to bring forth a brand new life is now in God and what He has accomplished in Christ and we simply rely upon Him and then He brings forth that brand new life. I can testify of that. My life is a testimony of that and there are still areas in my life where I have not seen a change but I rely upon Him and His kingdom manifests in me and shall manifest in me and I rest upon His integrity to bring forth a brand new life. It is the same with you. That's what this Communion is all about.

As we as an internet Church take Communion together, we are thinking of this Good News, the wonderful news of His love for us where He ends what destroys our life and where He brings the brand new life by His doing. All we do is rely on His goodness and the power of His Holy Spirit to manifest it in our lives as we are available for that.

Father, I thank You so much that as we partake of this Communion we can say that we are in unity with You and we are in unity with one another and our lives have been unified with Your life where we cannot but have the expectation of You bringing forth and manifesting a brand new life in us by Your doing and by Your doing alone! Thank You for Your body and for Your blood. Amen Let's enjoy the Communion together.

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Today we are going to be talking about faith... faith made easy. Many times when we go through difficult times, the first thing that comes to our heart is, "Do we have enough faith?" or "Is my faith strong enough?" I'm going to look at passages in the Bible that I believe were wrongly interpreted. The focus of what Matthew, Mark, Luke and John tried to communicate was not seen but where the focus was on the fact that we are supposed to have or what we thought we were supposed to have. What I have found in our lives is that when we look at anything that works, we want to carefully analyze it to see what did the person do to get God to do something for him. If the person got a house or a car or if he was healed from cancer, or any of those kind of things and he believed upon the Lord, then he will go and look at everything that he has done and we will analyze his part of the doing. We will analyze what he said, how he walked, what kind of food he ate and then we would even look at his prayer life. We would look at the scriptures that he would quote and the messages he would listen to. Then we would make a method out of that and try and do it ourselves so that we can, then, also have the healing or the prosperity or whatever this person had. I believe that in doing that we show that our hearts struggle to actually trust God because if you analyze the thing to see what you must do, your trust can never be in the one who gave it but in what you needed to do in order to get that person to give something to you.

One of the most powerful scriptures that impacted my life to a wrong understanding of faith are the passages where Jesus said, "Your faith has made you whole" or "Your faith has saved you" or "Let it be done unto you as you believe." The moment that is said, the human heart immediately turns inward and looks at his faith... "Do you have enough faith? Is your faith strong enough? What are you believing?" From there we immediately go into a confession doctrine where we must confess right and speak right all the time or at least as correct as possible so that we can, basically, work this faith principle so that it could be to us according to our faith. We would then believe for a financial breakthrough or healing or any of those kind of things.

I want to go through some of these passages and look at some of the detail that is revealed in the writings of Matthew, Mark and Luke. Then we will also look at Acts and what is going on there so that we could understand what is meant by those passages. I want to tell you from the beginning that the idea that Matthew had was not to put a focus on how big your faith needs to be. That was not the idea. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John were not thinking, "Well, if we can get these people to be people of super faith and super accurate confessions then they can have whatever they want and so, through that system, they can conquer the world."

When Matthew, Mark and Luke wrote, they tried to put the focus on Jesus and who He was. We need to understand that the apostles that wrote these letters, wrote them many years after the resurrection. They thought, "Let us put all of this in a document not to just keep a document but they were writing a historic account of what took place in order to communicate a certain message to those who would receive these letters. They basically tried to communicate just one thing and that is that Jesus is the Messiah and He is the Messiah of all people. From there we can then conclude that the kingdom of God has now come to the earth and God is establishing what He has always planned for man in the earth by the power of the Holy Spirit."

So, the main thing was, and everything revolved around Jesus the Messiah who was crucified and raised from the dead and in Him being the Messiah. He was just not the Messiah of the Jews but He was the Messiah of the Jews and the Gentiles. This may sound very technical. You may say, "Bertie, what is the whole thing with Jesus as the Messiah and the death and the resurrection have to do with the passage where Jesus said, 'Let it be according to your faith, or your faith has made you whole or your faith has saved you.'" I think it has everything to do with that and we are going to look at that and explain that.

The first thing that you need to understand is that we are not saved by faith. The Bible says that we are saved by grace through faith. So your faith cannot save you. You say, "Oh, no, Bertie! The Scripture says that your faith has saved you. Jesus even said, 'Your faith has saved you!'" We are going to look at what Matthew tried to communicate through that. If faith can save you, in other words, if faith that you can be healed can save you, then the New Agers don't need Jesus because they have the faith that the force in this world or that their persuasion can actually be, and if they can just persuade enough, then a new thing can happen or a new life can be created or changes can happen in their bodies. We have even seen that. There are documented cases of people, who by their own faith, got healed. I'm thinking of this one instance on youtube where I watched a documentary on a person who got healed from cancer in the bladder just by chanting and believing and working up enough faith. By their faith, they cured themselves. You might be healed of a certain thing just by positive thinking but the issue is not can I just be healed of cancer or a headache. The problem is, can you, by your positive thinking, actually raise your body from the dead and not just raise it from the dead but have a new body, a new creation take place, that has physicality. No person can do that! You can just forget about it! You're not going to get it right.

Faith, in itself, cannot save you. Jesus is the Savior. If we think that faith saves us, we will make faith the Savior and we will have more faith in our faith than in Jesus. Let me say that again. If you think faith saves you or faith makes you whole, then your focus will be faith and you will have faith in faith and you will not have faith in God.

I think what we have heard about God was of such a sort that it is easy and the people could easily slip into having faith in their faith because the things said about God was actually so bad that the human heart cannot trust such a being. That is why we could easily have faith in systems and methods and "3 Steps to this" and "5 Steps to that" because the human heart would just say that there are things about God that I simply don't understand. I don't know why He does things. I don't know why He is like He is. He would punish His Son instead of punishing Adam and He will so satisfy His anger and His wrath. There were so many things said about God.

The other day I heard that somebody actually preached that God made the devil the way he is and the devil was employed by God. The devil actually works for God because how could people see that God is a Savior if they first didn't get lost" So God brought forth the devil so that people could fall and be lost and sick so that God could heal them and bring forth a new life so they can find God as a Savior. If you believe that, you will so easily fall into teachings where it's all about man and the things that man must do. We can even fall into a system or a teaching where we have so much faith in our faith that we don't have faith in God.

You will not find anybody who will preach that you must have faith in faith and not faith in God. The thing is that it is not said directly like that but it is what is actually understood after it was said and it destroys our lives.

This first instance we are going to look at is from **Matthew 9** where the woman had an issue of blood.

Matthew 9:

20 And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment: (That's a very important detail right there.)

21 For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.

22 But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; your faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

First, we need to look at the detail which is there. There is no meaningless detail in this story and Matthew was writing this with a certain idea in mind. There was something in his heart that he wanted to communicate and bring forth. Matthew wanted to show people that Jesus was actually the Messiah. How can Jesus be the Messiah and how can we see that Jesus is the Messiah from this passage? How would people who understand the Jewish scriptures, when they hear this, say, "Well, we cannot but conclude that Jesus is the Messiah."

There were certain things about this woman that we need to understand. She had an issue of blood. Having an issue of blood meant that she was unclean. If you were unclean, you had to stay outside of the city. The Bible, in other accounts, even says that she suffered a lot under the doctors. That's what happens many times today. I thank God for the doctors. I've been to the doctors many times in my life and my family has also been to doctors. We've also had miracles take place in our lives. There are times where you can just say, "I am suffering under the doctor", because it doesn't matter how pure his motive is, he cannot get me healed because he is a human and he doesn't understand how these things work or how to get me healed. Then they try and basically experiment on you. I think in this case, this woman was suffering for twelve years and remember that she was not allowed to touch any person. If you touch any person, then that person would be unclean and he would have to go through some ceremonial washings and all those kind of things.

But there was something that she believed that caused her to say something in her heart. What she said in her heart was what she actually believed. So, she first believed something and the thing that she believed caused her to think in a certain way and say certain things. The key is not in what she said in her heart. The key wasn't even in that she touched the hem of His garment. One can actually say that was unbelief because why would you say, "If I touched the hem of His garment." She could have just said, "If He just walked passed me" or, "If His shadow falls on me just because He is Jesus." There are many things that could be said. This was a method that she chose and something that came forth in her heart because of the faith she had. What faith did she have and what did Jesus actually see in her when He saw that she had faith? Do you think that Jesus saw the faith as she is crawling through people and now she is touching the hem of the garment? Look at the great faith that she was willing to crawl through the people and touch His hem and then she could have been stoned or something like that? Jesus, look at the great faith. Look at her actions of faith. No, that is not what Jesus saw!

Jesus saw much deeper into this! We need to understand that Jesus knew that He was the Messiah. We need to understand that Jesus took the Old Testament prophets and He understood how He would fulfill that. We need to know that Jesus knew that there was healing inside Him and that He is the Messiah of all of humanity. That means that He is there to rule and reign over people's sin and their death and everything that leads to sin and death.

So, Jesus read **Malachi 4** which is a wonderful passage that talks about the hem of the garment. It talks about the day of judgment. It talks about the terrible day of the Lord.

:1 For, behold, the day comes, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that comes shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

In other words, this passage talks about the ending of Judaism, the ending of the old law system as those people knew it, but actually, the implementation and the furthering of the true system that God had in mind.

2 But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

3 And you shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, says the Lord of hosts.

4 Remember you the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord:

So, Malachi 4 talks about a sun of righteousness. (In my teaching on judgment I spoke about this in the Vengeance of God.) or a fire of righteousness will arise and it will burn up all the stubble. It will burn up all wickedness. Then the righteous, those who believe in this sun of righteousness, He will arise over them with healing in His wings. That word, wings, was the word used for hem of the garment. This passage was a Messianic passage talking about the Messiah coming to end all unrighteousness in the earth and bringing forth righteousness. This will be the sign: He will come up, it will be like a day, a fire that burns that will burn up all the wickedness that will cut out the tree from from where people thought they were children of God which was ethnicity. It was thinking that because they were Jews they were the people of God. He was cutting that out and actually declaring that humanity is God's people and that God wants to save them from sin and death and bring forth a brand new man, a recreated new man, and that man would be co-seated with God in equality with God.

So, this woman, listen to this, this woman that was outside of the city, that was separate, even if you don't want to go into technical things, but just was declared unclean... this woman who suffered for twelve years came and saw Jesus as the Messiah. **So her faith was that He is the Messiah** and she remembered that there is healing in the hem of the garment. Then she said, "I believe that this is the Messiah and in Him He will rule over the injustice that I am experiencing which is, "I am unclean, declared unclean and I'm oppressed by sickness and disease and all of that... He is the Messiah!" So what was her faith? Her faith was, He is the Messiah! From that faith, she reasoned, "If I can touch the hem of his garment I will be healed because this is the Messiah!" When she did that, then Jesus said, "You are right! I am the Messiah and because I am the Messiah, you are healed! Your faith has healed you!" What was her faith? Her faith was that He was the Messiah! That is it! It was not about how strong she was persuaded. It was not about how intensely she was persuaded. It was not about her confession all the time. It was not about what she was thinking all the time. Her faith, which was Jesus, as the Messiah, healed her, saved her!

We need to remember that the Bible says that we are saved by grace. We are not saved by faith. We are saved by grace through faith. So this woman had faith in the grace which was that Jesus is the Messiah and that there is healing in His wings and she saw Him as the son of David. She saw Him as the Messiah. Her faith was, "I don't need to look any further! This is the Messiah of the unclean!" You need to understand what she was seeing there. The Jews believed that the Messiah was for the righteous... not for the woman with the issue of blood. She was already declared unclean by her actions, by what is happening to her. The Messiah was for the rich and for the obedient and the "uncursed" because this wonderful life he would now have of being rich and being blessed and all those kind of things would be a sign that you are already part of the people of God in a certain way. That is what these people believed. And now this woman, who was called "cursed", unclean, not worthy to be touched, had the faith that says, "The Messiah supercedes my disqualification!" That was her faith! Her faith was Jesus as the Messiah. So when Jesus said, "Your faith has healed you" you must ask her, "What was your faith?" It says that this man is the Messiah. So the fact that Jesus was the Messiah is what healed her!

We can take that passage so out of context that the focus is not what Matthew tried to portray there. In his letter, Matthew was trying to show people that Jesus is the Messiah. He was not trying to get people secret knowledge of how to get a healing! He was not trying to teach them on how to work up their faith and give them five lessons on faith and confession! That is not what he was trying to communicate! He was trying to communicate and tell them, "Look at this woman. She saw the Messiah. She said, 'This person is the Messiah. He has come and He is the Son of Righteousness. There is healing in His wings, in the hem of His garment!'"

What Matthew was doing is he was writing and he was drawing upon what was in the minds of people who understood Malachi 4 so that when they read that they can say, "Aha! Here is the physical evidence of Him being the Messiah!" Why would he write that? He wrote that so that they could have faith that Jesus is the Messiah so that that faith, which was Jesus as the Messiah, could also heal them and give them salvation. That's what it was all about. It wasn't about anything else but that.

So, the important thing that we need to understand in Matthew 9 is that it talks about a person who saw Jesus as the Messiah. Her faith was not, "I can get a healing today!" That was not her faith. Her faith was, "He is the Messiah!" That's why I believe the detail, that she touched the hem of His garment, was recorded in Matthew.

Now we will go to another instance where we are going to talk about faith that made people whole or faith that saves people.

Mark 10:

46 And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging.

47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me.

And then we read the end of the account:

52 And Jesus said unto him, Go your way; your faith hath made thee whole...

We know the whole story of blind Bartimaeus. Bartimaeus actually means the cursed one or unclean. So here comes a man who is called unclean. This unclean person comes and he hears that Jesus of Nazareth is coming by and this blind Bartimaeus had more of an understanding of the scriptures than the Pharisees and the Sadducees together. He understood the prophecies and he understood the scriptures in such a way that when they heard it was Jesus of Nazareth, he understood, he knew, that Jesus would be out of Nazareth, he said, "This must be the Son of David!" That referred back to 1 Samuel 7 where it talks about the promise that was made to David that basically out of his loins will the Messiah be born. He had the conclusion that this is the Messiah and he knew the Messiah was the one who would rule and reign and establish His kingdom in the earth and therefore He could rule and reign over his blindness. That's all! He just believed Jesus is the Messiah! That's all!

So we find Matthew and now Mark in their letters trying to explain to people that Jesus is the Messiah. They were not trying to communicate on how to get a healing! The focus of the letter was not about healing. The focus of the letter was Jesus was raised from the dead. He has power over sin and death and He is the Messiah! In their letters, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, try to have people understand that He is the Messiah also of what the Jews understood as the unclean. Instances are used of blind Bart there. His name means unclean. The woman who had the issue of blood was unclean. She didn't qualify by the law but here He comes and He is the Messiah of those as well and they had an understanding of the scripture that He was the Messiah and their faith, this persuasion, this fact that He is the Messiah, is what healed and cured them and not their great approach. That's not what cured them. It was He being the Messiah who cured them.

Church, this might sound technical but let me tell you that a wrong understanding of these things will dump you into a place where you can so easily be tempted with works righteousness when it comes to faith where you have to try to work it up... "Do I have enough faith? Don't I have enough faith?" All those kind of things will destroy your life!

Let us use another example.

Luke 17: The ten lepers

12 And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: (Unclean people again.)

13 And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master (Lord), have mercy on us.

14 And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go show yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.

15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,

16 And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. (That is a very important detail right there!)

He was also one who doesn't qualify. He was a Samaritan, a half Jew which was seen by the Jews as not even seen as a Jew but was seen as cursed. The Bible says that the Jews and the Samaritans didn't even deal with one another. They didn't even speak to one another.

These Samaritans wouldn't even allow Jesus to walk through one of their towns and then the sons of thunder wanted to call down fire on one of those cities. That's how it was going. Now listen to this. There were nine Jewish lepers and one Samaritan leper. Then they called on Jesus. They called Him the Master or the Lord. They had a certain understanding about Him and who He was. Now listen to this: they said, "Have mercy on us."

Now, here is the Samaritan also thinking that he doesn't qualify because it's by the Jews thought that the Messiah would be for those Jewish people. But what does he do? He says, "Well, it's also my Messiah!" And what did he do? He said, "Well, healing is for me as well. He is also the Messiah over me and He says, "Go and show yourself." As he went he realized that he was clean and he knew, "I can't go into Jerusalem. I don't even allow these Jews to walk through my city how will I go and show myself to any priest? So I am now going back to Jesus." He started to worship Jesus. Then Luke records that he was a Samaritan, someone who was seen as unclean. Yet Jesus was the Messiah over the unclean as well and brought to him as well, what the Jews thought was only for them.

That faith made him whole. So, what faith did that Samaritan have? Jesus, deep inside! That's it! That is the greatest faith that you can have!

Another instance is in Matthew 15 where the Syrophenician woman who asked Jesus to heal her daughter who was demon possessed. Then Jesus said to her:

24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

25 Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.

26 But he answered and said, It is not meet (right) to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.

What He was saying to her was, "You are a Gentile. You are a dog. You are like Lazarus that was dying at the rich man's gate. You are just a dog. "

27 And she said, Truth, Lord (Yes, it is so!): yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is your faith: be it unto you even as you will.

The great faith that this woman had was she was Greek According to the law, she didn't qualify for the Jewish blessings, but what she saw, what she understood, was that He is even Lord over the Gentiles. He is the Messiah over sin and death. That is what she saw and that faith, which is Jesus as the Messiah over sin and death, made her whole. Jesus said, "Such great faith I haven't seen in all of Israel!"

Another instance where Jesus said, "Such faith I haven't seen in all Israel" is where the Roman centurion came and he said to Jesus, "You just speak the word and my servant will be made whole." What did he see? He saw Jesus is the Messiah even over the Gentiles. And we find Matthew, Mark and Luke coming in their letters trying to bring a message that Jesus is the Messiah over the unclean and all people qualify that He is the Messiah over the Jew. He is the Messiah over the Gentile. He is not trying to say to people, "Here is the key thing: The greater your faith is and the more you work up your faith, the more sure your healing will be!" No, Jesus said, "If you have faith as a mustard seed, then mountains shall be moved!" Now, what does that mean?

Do you know who the mustard seed is? The mustard seed is Jesus, Himself! He's the mustard seed because 2,000 years ago, if you take all of humanity and you take the size of humanity, you take the size of one man, Jesus, He's just but a small seed and that is how the kingdom of God is. This seed is so small and when you look at it, you say, "This is nothing but once it grows it becomes bigger than all the trees or all the herbs." He is saying, "That is how the kingdom of God is...one man, Jesus, came and conquered sin and death and He is the Messiah over humanity, ruling over their sin, ruling over their death, as the Messiah!" As we have that faith, we have faith as a mustard seed and we have the faith that this one man and His life, shall flood the earth by the doing of God. That's it! Jesus is that Mustard seed. He's that kingdom into manifestation. That's all you have to believe! I want to tell you that the greatest faith you could ever have is just to believe that Jesus is the One who rules over your sin and your death and He has come to give you a brand new life and you qualify. That's all! That is great faith. We can take those passages and dissect them and bring so much legalism and law that we actually destroy people's lives!

If you still think that Jesus is just the Messiah of the Jews, of which some people think, you don't have great faith. You have small faith. You even have unbelief. The story that I am talking to you about today, of the lepers and the blind man, there were even two other blind men in other instances who were crying, "Jesus, Son of David!" Blind people were seen as being in sin, disqualified. The story of the Syrophenician woman and the story of the Roman centurion is for you that you can actually also have great faith which is that He is the Messiah of all people and that all qualify. Old things have passed away and everything has become new! Those passages are not a key on how to have positive confession and how to push through! I remember being in teachings where people say, "Now, close your eyes and imagine you touch the hem of His garment!" That is not what it is all about! It's not about, "Now we have to have boldness in the face of our oppressors and we will go boldly and it doesn't matter what people say!" That is not what Matthew tried to teach there. He was trying to teach Jesus, the Messiah!

Let no one tell you that you don't have great faith. Let no circumstances tell you that you don't have great faith. Believe Jesus the Messiah and He rules over your life. With me, I don't try to specifically believe for everything. I don't confess for a TV station. I don't confess for a studio or a house. I do none of those things. I just believe and this is by the grace of God that Jesus is my Messiah and that His life is my life and then I just enjoy my life. I live every day as the day comes. I have the Holy Spirit in my heart Who speaks to me and I just take it as it comes. I don't worry about tomorrow Just live in the day, right now, do what you need to do. That's it. Simple life by great faith! Alleluia! That gets me to a place if someone else a massive ministry and mine is not or if somebody get signs, wonders and miracles and I don't see so much, it doesn't mean anything to me. Jesus is the Messiah over sin and death and His life is mine! Alleluia! That's all! Then I trust Him enough to sort my stuff out for me. That's enough! He'll work it out!

Acts 3:

This is beautiful. This was the paralytic that was healed. Then they came and Peter preached. He says to the Jews,

14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses. (In other words he said, "We saw Him.")

Listen to this:

16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know:

So, who healed the leper? It says, "And His name, through faith in His name, has healed this man." And the Messiah, through faith in the Messiah, has healed the person. Your faith has not healed you! Jesus heals you and all we do is have faith. In other words, faith means that I take my hands off and I can actually rely upon this truth that I am so included in this truth that He will manifest His life in me!

Today I spoke to a lady that I could see was going through a very difficult time. I could see in her face that she was depressed. I said to her, "Listen, the only way is you want to know, 'What must I do today? What must I do tomorrow?'" That is not the answer. "Should I have this job or should I have that job?" No. Jesus is your Messiah and He sorts out your stuff by His resurrection power and you just believe upon that, that truth. That means that He rules and reigns over your sin and death. His life is yours and it's up to Him to manifest it in you and you are just available for that!" That's it! Amen!

Well, Church, that is the message I had for you today. I trust that this has blessed you and that it challenges your heart. Know that I am not saying that you can be saved without faith. If that's what you heard, please rewind to the beginning and listen again. The Bible says that we are saved by grace through faith. So do we have to have faith in our hearts? His Gospel brings faith and as His good news brings faith in our hearts and we yield to that truth, then He heals us. All that I am trying to communicate is we cannot make faith a savior or put it anywhere close to the same category as Jesus as the Savior and we shouldn't try to mix these things up. Jesus IS the Savior. Just believe it! That's how simple it is. The focus is Christ the Messiah. Amen!

I want to thank you so much that you've watched. This message will really enrich your life. Go and listen to it a few times and you will see what the Holy Spirit continues to do in your heart. Thank you that I can just share my heart with you. That's what I want to do to share my heart with you as we both walk, looking unto the Father.

Father, there are people watching right now who might be going through difficult times. They might be very depressed and might struggle with health and healing and marriage and so many things. I thank You, Father, that they can lift their eyes above the circumstances and they can behold the resurrected Jesus as their Messiah. They can say, "I end my fight against these things and I thank God that He rules over what destroys me and I sit back and thank You, Father, that by Your resurrection power, we can call people healed and well by the name of Jesus, our Messiah!" Amen