Help My Unbelief!

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INTRODUCTION

- Tonight's story, we're looking at someone who is going from a state of belief to a state of maybe more belief, better belief.
- Sometimes the first step to increasing our faith is first admitting that we don't have enough. And the second step is praying to God.
- Why is it so important that we believe? Because it is faith that makes us well.

1 Will We Believe That God Will Intervene?

Jeremiah 30:17; Psalm 23:4; Psalm 34:15–17

- What we need to believe is that God sees what we're going through and that he hears our cries.
- I will restore you to health and heal your wounds, declares the Lord.
- We have to believe that God is not just sitting out there aloof, unconcerned about our problems, but that he knows and cares for us and will come close and deliver.
- The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.
- That no matter what we're going through, God will intervene. Not always so much in a way that we might like or desire for him to, but in a way that he knows is best for us.

2 Will We Believe When We Don't See?

Hebrews 11:1

- Will we believe in God's promises, even though they have yet to come about?
- Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.
- But it's while we wait that God does some pretty amazing things sometimes.
- For we walk by faith, not by sight. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
- While we're waiting, we need to trust that God knows what is best. And that he will be with us all the way.

3 Will We Believe in God's Word?

James 2:18–26; Psalm 119:105; Jeremiah 6:16

- If we say we believe God's word, are we following it? It's one thing to say I believe, it's another to live by it.
- Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.
- For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.
- What James is trying to tell us here is that belief is proven by actions. It's not enough to just say it.

- Our obedience to what God's word said is proof of whether or not we believe it to be true.
- The scriptures are God's word given to us to help us understand what he expects, what is right, and what is wrong, and how to live this life, and that there are no exceptions.

THE CHALLENGE

So today, if we want God to do a work in our lives, then we have to be brutally honest and say, as this Father said to Jesus, Lord, I believe, help my unbelief.

MY NOTES