Ye Of Little Faith (Matthew 8:23-27)

Tony Mauck · Matthew 8:23–27

INTRODUCTION

- Jesus said these words, ye of little faith on three different occasions during his ministry.
- Something that all three of these occasions have in common is that Jesus was expecting more of his audience in terms of their trust and confidence in God and their spiritual perception of things.
- The disciples should have seen enough by now to know that Jesus has extraordinary power, and such fears should not have gripped them.

1 Insufficient Faith and Tangible Evidence

Hebrews 11:1; 2 Peter 1:16–18; 2 Peter 3:3–9

- I think almost all of our problems can be reduced to one simple problem of faith. Insufficient faith.
- There's a lot of people today that express the notion that I can have more faith, more trust in God if there was just some tangible evidence, something that would unequivocally declare God is there.
- We do have eyewitnesses, credible eyewitnesses, who did see. And that's where our faith is supposed to come from.
- We were eyewitnesses of his majesty. We heard the voice from heaven. This is my beloved son.
- We believe because they are credible witnesses, and we believe them.
- We don't need neon lights in the sky that say, Yes, Tony, you are a Christian.

2 The Appeal of the Visible and Ridicule

- The visible is so very appealing and alluring and distracting.
- We become so honed in on the material things of this world that faith gets set aside.
- You get belittled for the smallness of intellect that you have because you have trust and confidence in God.
- I'm not the one with the blind faith. I'm listening to credible eyewitness testimony.
- He has a blind faith because he believes that everything is the result of natural processes.
- The naturalist doesn't have the answers. We have the logical faith.

3 What Just a Little Faith Can Do

Matthew 8:10; Luke 17:5–6

- I believe we have a tendency to discount the faith that we have.
- I think your faith is greater than you see.
- Baptism is not a physical action, it is a great step of faith.

- I’m going to give thought to the person that Christ calls me to be. I got to tell you that has faith written all over it.
- If you had faith like a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, be uprooted and be planted in the sea. And it would obey you.
- And that’s where we sometimes are. Lord, I believe, help my unbelief.

4 Faith Aligned with the Purposes of God

James 5:13–16; Ephesians 3:20

- And the importance of our faith being aligned with the purposes of God.
- We need to learn this lesson about faith and about trusting in God, even when the answers are not what we would want.
- Can God heal the physically sick? Absolutely, he can.
- We are not promised the escape from untimely death from these passages.
- But our God is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think.

THE CHALLENGE

May our faith grow and blossom and flourish, be unwavering in our very real belief that Jesus is indeed our King and our Savior. And he who believes in him will not be disappointed.

MY NOTES