

Genuine Faith

Faith You Can See_2

Review:

Romans 3:3-4 (KJV)

³ For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?

⁴ God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

- Verse 4...God forbid!
 - Wuest..." Let no one even think such a thing!"

Outward Faith

2 Timothy 1:5 (NKJV)

⁵ when I call to remembrance the **genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.**

- Paul **saw** Grandma and mother's Genuine faith...it's evident in Timothy also.

Mark 2:3-5 (NKJV)

³ Then they came to Him, bringing a **paralytic** who was carried by **four men**.

⁴ And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.

⁵ **When Jesus saw their faith**, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you."

- Large crowd at the house and door...could not get to Jesus...**that didn't stop them.**
- **Most people would have just gone home!!! It's impossible, it's too hard, maybe next time!!**
- They pushed through the crowd, climbed up on the roof, pried the roof up and lowered him down.
- Only those totally convinced that Jesus would heal him would go through that much trouble.
- **When Jesus saw their faith!!! Their faith was "evident" ... it could be seen!**
- **Their faith was substance to their hope before they saw the actual miracle take place.**
- Faith was all over them...it was **evident, present, proof!** "We've come here to get what we want!"

James 2:17-18 (AMP)

¹⁷ So also **faith**, if it **does not have works** (**deeds and actions of obedience** to back it up), **by itself** is destitute of power (**inoperative, dead**). **[faith must show outwardly...be seen.]**

¹⁸ But someone will say [to you then], You [say you] have **faith**, and I have [good] **works**. Now you **show** me your [alleged] **faith** apart from any [good] **works** [if you can], and I by [good] **works** [of obedience] **will show you my faith.** **[Can faith be seen??]**

Mark 5:25-34 (NKJV)

³⁰ And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "**Who touched My clothes?**"

³¹ But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, Who touched Me?" "

³² And **He looked around to see her who had done this thing.** **[Jesus picked her out of the crowd...how? Jesus could see her faith]**

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1 Sam 17:20-54...David And Goliath (You can see his faith) **Read**

Nehemiah...

- He was the cupbearer to the king of Persia, Artaxerxes.
- He's a Hebrew slave that gained great favor to be trusted to cupbearer. Tasting the food before the king ate.
- Nehemiah 1:11...Delegates from Judah... Nehemiah prays to God for involvement.

Nehemiah 2:1-8 (NKJV)

¹ And it came to pass in the month of Nisan, in **the twentieth year** of King Artaxerxes, *when wine was before him*, that I took the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had never been sad in his presence before.

² Therefore the king said to me, "**Why is your face sad, since you are not sick?** This *is* nothing but sorrow of heart." **So I became dreadfully afraid,**

³ and said to the king, "May the king live forever! Why should my face not be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' tombs, *lies waste*, and its gates are burned with fire?"

⁴ Then the king said to me, "**What do you request?**" **So I prayed to the God of heaven.**

⁵ And I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, and if your servant has **found favor** in your sight, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I may rebuild it."

⁶ Then the king said to me (the queen also sitting beside him), "**How long will your journey be? And when will you return?**" So **it pleased** the king to send me; **and I set him a time.** (12yrs)

⁷ Furthermore I said to the king, "**If it pleases the king, let letters be given to me for the governors of the region beyond the River, that they must permit me to pass through till I come to Judah,**

⁸ and a letter to Asaph the **keeper of the king's forest, that he must give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel which pertains to the temple, for the city wall, and for the house that I will occupy." **And the king granted them to me according to the good hand of my God upon me.****

- **V3..."What do you request?" So I prayed to the God of heaven.**
- **God must of told him "Go for the whole enchilada"**
- **There is no reason for your enemies to give you permission to build your fortified cities back to their original state.**
- **Everyone else's cities didn't get this treatment.**
- **This is not the best strategy for a king to hold his kingdom in his control.**
- **V6...The king wants to know "when will you be back"...I need you... Nehemiah dictated a time and the king said "OK" (it took 12yrs)**
- **V7...asks for an official letter decree to march right through others territories unharmed or you great the wrath of Artaxerxes the most powerful king of his time.**
- **V8...Not only fortify your walls but here, I'll give you the timbers from my private forest. For the gates to the temple, the city walls and for your private estate to live in while you work.**

Peter and John...we can see you've been with Jesus.

Acts 4:5-13 (NKJV)

⁵ And it came to pass, on the next day, that their rulers, elders, and scribes,

⁶ as well as Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the family of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.

⁷ And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, "By what power or by what name have you done this?"

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel:

⁹ If we this day are judged for a good deed *done* to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well,

¹⁰ let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole.

¹¹ This is the *'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.'*

¹² Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

¹³ Now when **they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived** that they were uneducated and untrained men, **they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.**

- They could see their faith in Jesus and what they were preaching.
- They were so convicted they said "Well, just don't preach Jesus anymore."

Matthew 5:14-16 (NKJV)

¹⁴ **You are the light of the world.** A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house.

¹⁶ **Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Let your faith shine...don't be shy or apologizing for the faith and joy you have in your faith. Freedom!