

DOES YOUR FAITH BLESS YOUR FAMILY?

The final question we should consider is whether or not our faith is _____ our family. True faith and obedient faith will always be reflected in our relationships with our _____, friends, and _____. If we claim to have faith, but we do not _____ the people near us, we _____ our faith. The old Spanish proverb wisely states you can't be a lamp on the street, and _____ in the home. True faith will _____ the lives of those you love. This is a difficult question to ask, because no one wishes to imply that our faith is failing to shine where it is needed the most. However there is such a _____ in our day to live two lives, one in public and another in _____. For a believer this question comes as a warning against such temptation.

FURTHER STUDY:

Read Luke 11:1-13 & Luke 18:1-8 and consider what Christ is teaching us about prayer.

PREPARATION FOR NEXT CLASS:

Read John 5:1-17

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A STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

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THE SECOND SIGN:

Therefore He came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a royal official whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and was imploring Him to come down and heal his son; for he was at the point of death. So Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you simply will not believe." The royal official said to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." Jesus said to him, "Go; your son lives." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started off.

In this lesson we will see the _____ miracle in John's Gospel, and can learn a great deal about faith from this experience. First of all we should study a bit about the _____. Jesus has left _____ and returned to _____, making a stop in the village of _____. Mean while in _____ a man of _____ background has a son who is _____ unto death. The noble man takes the _____ mile trip to see Jesus in Cana.

HOW FAITH COMES:

Note first of all that the man _____ that Jesus was in the region. We are reminded by Romans 10:17 that "_____ comes from _____, and hearing by the _____ of Christ." This is one reason why we need a _____ and _____ diet of God's word in our daily life. We are spiritual beings in need of _____ food. God's word is not just entering one ear and exiting the other. Rather it is _____ the spirit, and building our _____.

THREE QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR FAITH

DOES YOUR FAITH MAKE YOU PRAY?

The first question we will ask is “does your _____ move you to prayer. It is clear from the text that the nobleman was moved to _____ Jesus to heal his son, because he had _____ that Christ could and _____ heal him. This is a very instructive point for us to understand. That faith will _____ us to _____. Why would we pray if we didn’t _____ that God would answer. Many times we don’t pray because we don’t think that God is _____ in our need. But in fact that attitude is revealing a lack of _____ and faith in God’s nature and character. Have you ever asked for a stake at McDonalds, or a cappuccino at Dairy Queen? The reason we don’t ask for those things in those places, is because we don’t _____ that they can honor our request. I hope in that small _____ you see the reason why so many do not _____. It’s not that they don’t like _____, or don’t have time to pray, but it’s that we don’t believe in the heart of hearts that God is _____, and that he _____ about their need. This nobleman _____ that Jesus would heal Him, and so he _____.

DOES YOUR FAITH MAKE YOU PERSISTENT?

In response to his petition Jesus said “Unless you people see signs and _____ you simply will not believe.” This however does not _____ the man, rather he asks again and with intensity. He said “Sir, come down before my child _____.” Do you have _____ faith. There are various occasions in the Scripture where we see this kind of _____ which does not give up.

Read Matthew 15:21-28 -

Luke 11:5-9

DOES YOUR FAITH MAKE YOU OBEDIENT?

Now let’s ask another question, does your faith make you _____. From this text we not only see that faith moves us to prayer, but it also moves us to _____. When Jesus said to the nobleman “Go your son _____.” Scripture says that he believed and started off. Without a moment’s _____, or doubt he took the words of Christ and obeyed. Notice that he didn’t ask for _____, or _____. Note what Christ said in Luke 6:46-48 “*Why do you call Me, ‘ _____, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? “ _____ who comes to Me and _____ My words and _____ on them, I will show you whom he is like: he is like a man _____ a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock; and when a flood occurred, the torrent burst against that house and could not shake it, because it had been _____ built. “But the one who has _____ and has not _____ accordingly, is like a man who built a house on the ground without any foundation; and the torrent burst against it and immediately it _____, and the ruin of that house was great.”* Faith that does not produce _____, is built upon a _____ foundation.