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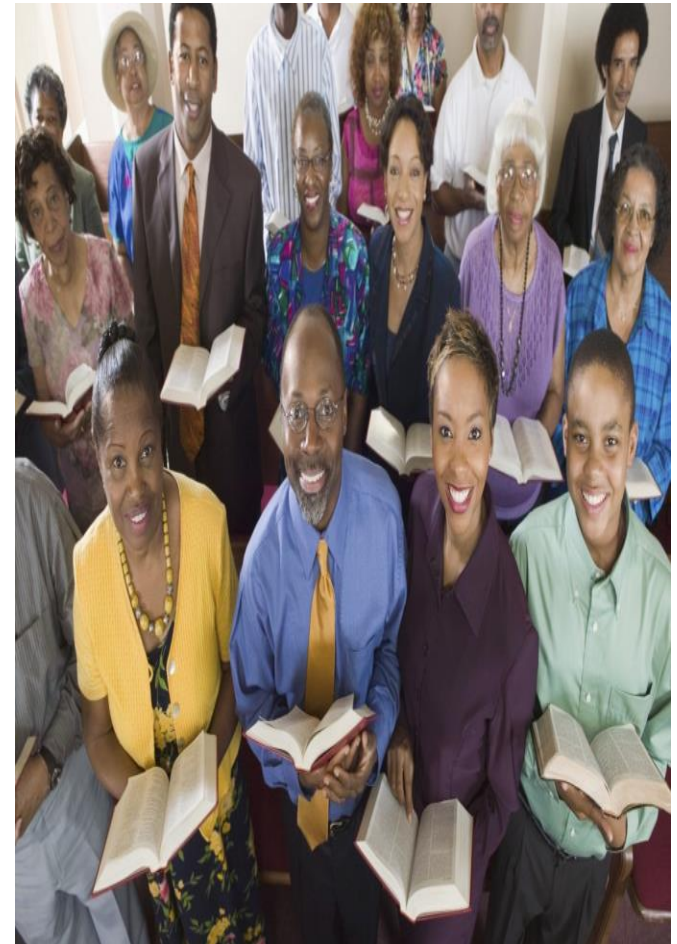
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*By the Word
of God*





THE
MIRACLES
OF JESUS

ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITH



THE HEALING OF THE TWO BLIND MEN
Matthew 9:27-31

INTRODUCTION



- The healing of the two blind men shows us two important truths:
 - The Lord has the power and authority to heal physical diseases and disabilities (remember: He had just raised a 12 year old girl from the dead).
 - Faith is the instrument that brings us blessings from the Lord

- Faith in the Lord is the cornerstone of the Christian life.
- **HEBREWS 11:6:**

⁶ But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe:

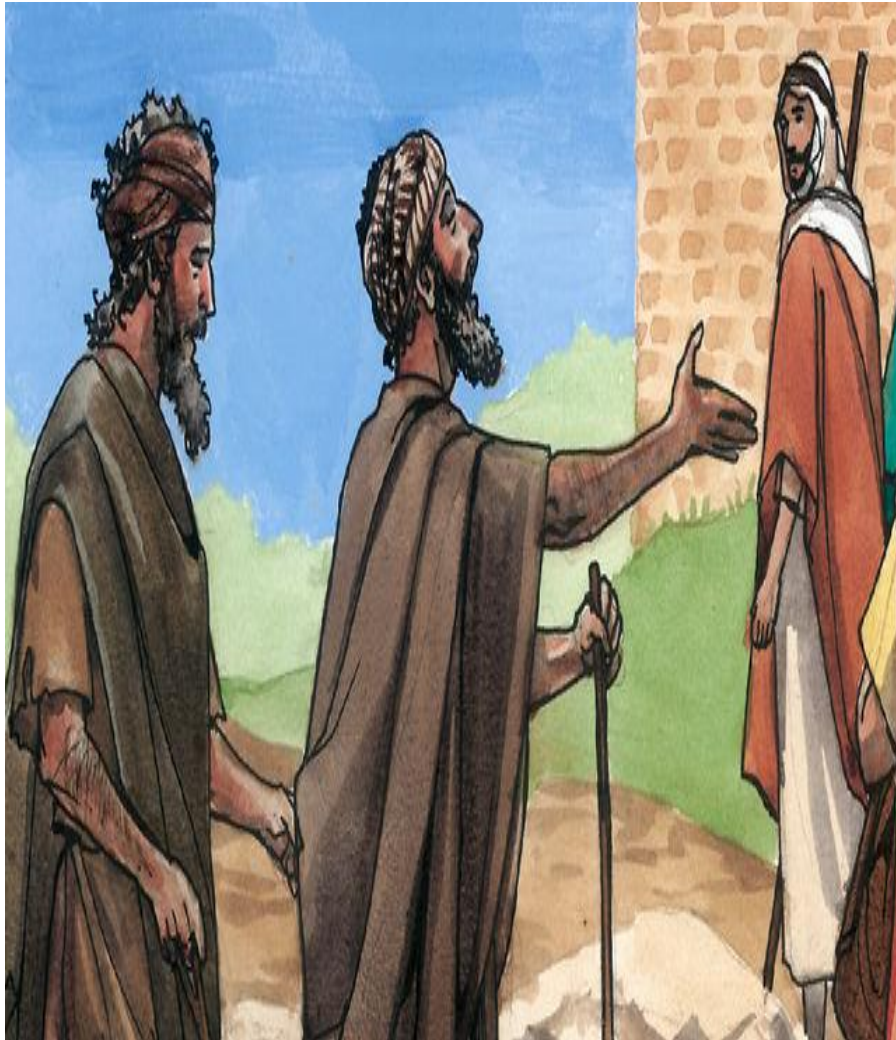
- 1) that He is, and
- 2) that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

- **THINK ABOUT THIS:** Faith is not confidence in our wisdom, knowledge logic, reason, or in what we see, hear, smell, taste, or feel; it is confidence in the wisdom, the ability, the truthfulness, and the faithfulness of God to His promises (e.g., regardless of what we think we see, hear, smell, taste, or feel).
- **FAITH** in God is what lead you to **call** upon God, to **depend** upon God, to **worship** God, to **obey** God, and to **serve** God.

- **Lesson:** Faith in God is the instrument through which blessings come to us from God (e.g., God responds to faith in Him).
- From the healing of the two blind men in Matthew 9:27-31 we will consider TWO LESSONS that make this statement true.



LESSON #1: FAITH WILL CAUSE US TO RECOGNIZE THE LORD'S ABILITY



- **IT WILL RECOGNIZE ONE'S NEED**
- **IT WILL RECOGNIZE WHO JESUS CHRIST REALLY IS**
- **IT WILL COME TO CHRIST UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE**
- **IT WILL TRUST CHRIST WITH REAL PERSONAL FAITH**

- **Notice carefully:** Jesus asked these two blind men, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?”
 - Was their faith superficial or genuine? (remember: they cried out to Jesus saying, “Son of David, have mercy on us!”)
 - **Think about this:** There are different between the acknowledgement of **facts** and **faith**:
 - One can acknowledge **facts** based upon personal observation, personal experience (I see it, smell it, hear it, taste it, feel it), or personal research (it is in a historical document or archaeological find).
 - Faith is trusting the truthfulness and faithfulness of someone or something in spite of the evidence for or against them!

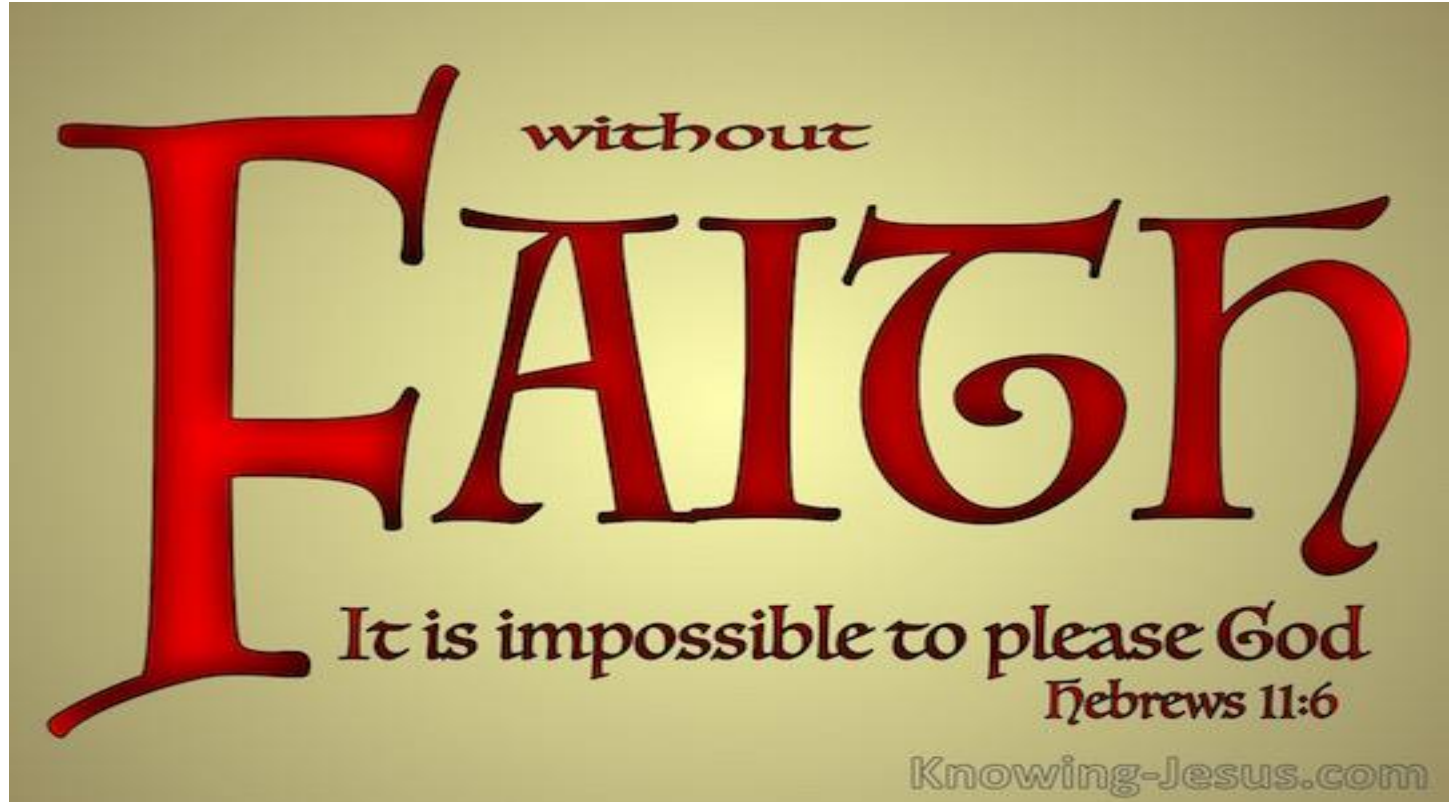
- **Think about this:** Faith is only as good as the object of that faith.
 - Faith always has an object (e.g., faith is NOT magic).
 - If the object of one's faith is corrupt, deceptive, untruthful, faithless, and incompetent, then faith in that object is vanity.
 - If the object of one's faith is truthful, faithful, and sufficient, then faith in that object is beneficial.
- **The Real Issue:** Do you believe that Jesus IS ABLE (e.g., in spite of what you think you know, have seen, have heard, or have experience)!!?
- **Listen carefully:** It is possible to know a lot about Jesus and NOT TRUST JESUS!!!

LESSON #2: FAITH WILL CAUSE US TO RECOGNIZE THE LORD'S AUTHORITY



- **FAITH OBEYS THE LORD (i.e., regardless of the reasons)**
- **OBEDIENCE IS FAITH IN ACTION (i.e., The two blind men had faith to be healed, but not faith to follow the command of their Healer.**

A CHALLENGE FOR YOU



DO YOU BELIEVE THAT CHRIST IS ABLE?

RECEIVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR
SAVIOUR TODAY!!



- 1. Acknowledge** that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, **died** on the cross for your sin, and that He **arose** again from the dead on the third day.
- 2. Admit** that you are a sinner, **guilty** of sin and **responsible** and **accountable** to a holy God for your sin, and that you are under His just condemnation and eternal punishment for your sin.
- 3. Accept** the Lord Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour by **receiving** His provision of salvation through your faith in Him alone.