

GIANT FAITH VS. GENUINE FAITH

Matthew 17.14-27

JESUS HEALS BECAUSE WE CAN'T

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It's important to be clear that though there are times in the Word that show sickness is either caused or compounded by demonic activity, sickness is not *always* the result of the enemy's doing.

QUANTITY VS. QUALITY

On one hand, Jesus says they couldn't cast out the demon because they had "little faith." But then He says if they had faith "the size of a mustard seed," which is, really, "little faith," they could remove mountains. So which is it? The first "little" He is meaning little quality. Their faith was not substantial because their faith was in the wrong object. It was in themselves, not in Christ. The second "little" is quantity. Jesus says you don't need a lot of faith, but you need just even a little genuine faith: faith that is wholly dependent on Him.

We don't need giant faith; genuine faith will do.

In this story, the father of the boy confesses that he does in fact have faith, but he fully acknowledges that he also lacks faith. He believes, quality wise, but has little faith, quantity wise. This is why He comes to Jesus. He knows that Jesus alone can do this.

WHAT ONLY GOD CAN DO

Ephesians 2.10 // Jeremiah 1.4-9

Jesus mentions that there are things that occur in life that come about simply and only by prayer. In other words, we are completely helpless and unable to make them happen. This takes us stepping out in faith and entrusting ourselves to Him, even if it is just a small amount of genuine faith.

Jesus does not call the equipped, He equips the called.

1 Corinthians 15.10 // Hebrews 13.20, 21



NOTES:

Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the green **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a **Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information.

Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. By giving your time and talent on Sundays, you're **an essential part** of helping others meet Jesus, and serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! Fill out a connection card or visit the **Connection Booth** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. Please visit lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum.

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

Our **High School students** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. For questions on our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at hbarnes5@yahoo.com.

VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **Matthew 17:14-27**. What stuck out to you the most in these verses or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday? _____

What does it take to see God do the amazing in our life? _____

What is it you are doing in your life that can only be brought about by genuine faith? That can be brought about by prayer? _____

What would you do with your life if you knew you couldn't fail, if money wasn't an issue? What's the road block, the "why" that stops you from pursuing it? _____

Read Ephesians 2:10. What changes in your pursuit of what God wants you to pursue in life when you read these verses? _____

Read **Jeremiah 1:4-9**. Where does Jeremiah initially put his faith? And what is God's response? _____

If the Lord called to you or challenged you to pursue what you wrote above, what would your response be? _____

What do you think His response to you be? _____

Read **Hebrews 13:21**. How does this verse reveal to us what God's response would be to us? _____

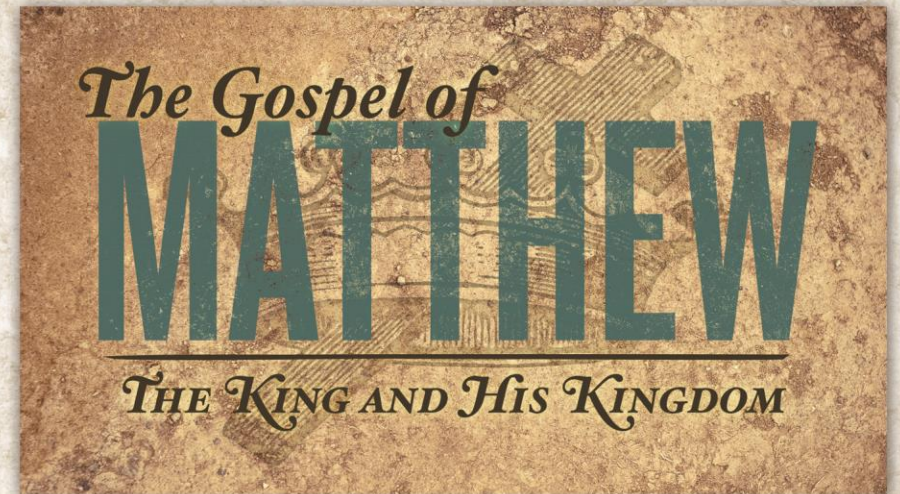
End group and your personal study time with prayer. Pray using the P.R.A.Y. model. PREACH the Gospel, reminding one another of the beauty of Jesus, who satisfies all needs, wants and desires. Confess and repent of perhaps not having enough faith to do God-sized things. Then ASK for the Holy Spirit, who is your Helper and with you to continue to increase your faith. Ask Him to help you turn to prayer more, the Word more and your Gospel-centered friends. Lastly, YIELD, with thanksgiving.



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**Making Disciples Who Make Disciples Locally and Globally,
Who are Saved, Equipped, and Sent by the Gospel.**



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