

**THE  
IMPORTANCE  
OF  
FAITH  
SERIES**

## **Matthew 13:16**

**But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and  
your ears, for they hear.**

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PERSONAL FAITH**

**LUKE 18:35-43**

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**35 And it came to pass, that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way side begging:**

**36 And hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant.**

**37 And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by.**

**38 And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me.**

**39 And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried so much the more, Thou son of David, have mercy on me.**

## **Luke 18:35-43 - continued**

**40 And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him,**

**41 Saying, What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight.**

**42 And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee.**

**43 And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.**

# Introduction

## A. Faith is needed to please God

**Hebrews 11:6**

**But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.**

**Colossians 1:10**

**That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;**

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**B. Faith must be perfected in us**

**2 Peter 1:5-10**

**5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;**

**6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;**

**7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.**

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**B. Faith must be perfected in us**

**2 Peter 1:5-10 - continued**

**8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.**

**10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:**

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**C. Faith must be personal to us (v 32)**

**Luke 7:50**

**And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go  
in peace.**

# **I. Personal Faith Is A Recognizing Faith (18:35)**

## **A. He recognized that he was a blind man**

### **1. Living in darkness**

#### **1 John 1:6**

**If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:**

### **2. Not living in deafness**

## **B. He recognized that he was a begging man**

### **1. He begged the multitude for silver**

### **2. He begged the Master for sight**

#### **a. He got natural sight!**

#### **b. He got spiritual sight!**

## **II. Personal Faith Is A Responsive Faith (18:35-37)**

### **A. He responded to the Hope**

#### **1. When Jesus is around, there is hope**

**Psalm 78:7**

**That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:**

#### **2. When Jesus is attentive, there is hope**

**Mark 10:49**

**And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee.**

**Psalm 103:14a**

**He knoweth our frame...**

## **II. Personal Faith Is A Responsive Faith (18:35-37)**

### **B. He responded to the Help**

**1. Respond to the Savior when He passes by**

**2. Respond to the Spirit when He passes by**

**Psalm 119:77**

**Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live:  
for thy law is my delight.**

### **III. Personal Faith Is A Revealing Faith (18:38)**

**A. He knew he had to reveal the Nazarene**

**1. The Lord is revealed**

**2. The lineage is revealed**

**1 John 2:23**

**Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.**

### **III. Personal Faith Is A Revealing Faith (18:38)**

**B. He knew he had to reveal his need**

**1. He needed the Master**

**2. He needed His mercy**

**Isaiah 55:7**

**Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.**

## **IV. Personal Faith Is A Rebuked Faith (18:39)**

### **A. The world will rebuke and reject your faith**

#### **1. Personal faith causes differences**

#### **2 Corinthians 6:17**

**Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.**

#### **2. Personal faith causes departure**

#### **1 Peter 2:11**

**Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;**

## **IV. Personal Faith Is A Rebuked Faith (18:39)**

### **B. The wicked will rebuke and reject your faith**

#### **1. Run when the wicked rebukes your faith**

**1 Peter 4:4**

**Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:**

#### **2. Rejoice when the wicked rebukes your faith**

**Matthew 5:11-12**

**11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.**

**12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.**

## **IV. Personal Faith Is A Rebuked Faith (18:39)**

**C. The worshippers will rebuke and reject your faith**

**John 9:27-28**

**27 He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be his disciples?**

**28 Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples.**

**2 Timothy 3:5**

**Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.**

## **V. Personal Faith Is A Requesting Faith (18:39, 41)**

### **A. He requested the Savior**

#### **Isaiah 66:2**

**For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.**

#### **Matthew 7:7**

**Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:**

## **V. Personal Faith Is A Requesting Faith (18:39, 41)**

**B. He requested his sight**

**John 14:13-14**

**13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.**

**14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.**

**Are you doing the requesting, or is your faith doing the requesting?**

## **VI. Personal Faith Is A Receiving Faith (18:42-43)**

**A. He received the sight of seeing the Savior**

**1 Corinthians 13:12**

**For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.**

**Isaiah 55:6**

**Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:**

## **VI. Personal Faith Is A Receiving Faith (18:42-43)**

**B. He received the sight of seeing salvation**

**Luke 2:29-30**

**29 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,  
according to thy word:**

**30 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,**

**Is your personal faith large enough that it is a receiving  
faith?**

## **VII. Personal Faith Is A Rejoicing Faith (18:43)**

**A. His rejoicing faith caused him to follow the Lord...**

**1. Because he has discovered His love**

**1 John 4:16**

**And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.**

**2. In continuing love**

**John 15:9**

**As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.**

## **VII. Personal Faith Is A Rejoicing Faith (18:43)**

**B. His rejoicing faith caused him to praise**

- 1. Blessing the Savior**
- 2. Bolstering the saints**

**Psalm 103:1-2**

**1 Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name.**

**2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his  
benefits:**

**Do You Have A Personal Faith That Has  
Saved You?**