

## Flipping Tables - Part 4 - Hard Heart Pastor Mark Rouse - November 24, 2019

<sup>1</sup> Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. <sup>2</sup> Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. <sup>3</sup> Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Stand up in front of everyone." <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus asked them, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they remained silent. <sup>5</sup> He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. <sup>6</sup> Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

- Mark 3:1-6

<sup>7</sup> So, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you hear his voice, <sup>8</sup> do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the wilderness." - Hebrews 3:7-8

So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief. - Hebrews 3:19

### **JESUS WAS AMAZED**

## • Jesus was amazed by **LACK** of faith.

<sup>4</sup> Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home." <sup>5</sup> He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. <sup>6</sup> He was amazed at their lack of faith.

- Mark 6:4-6

### • Jesus was amazed by **GREAT** faith.

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." - Luke 7:9

#### **OVERCOMING UNBELIEF WITH GREAT FAITH**

## 1) Choose to **BELIEVE** when I don't see.

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. - Hebrews 11:1

## 2) Choose to **OBEY** when I don't understand.

And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. - Hebrews 11:11

# 3) Choose to <u>PERSEVERE</u> when it's difficult.

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. - Hebrews 12:1-2

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. - Hebrews 11:6