

## GOD the SON - "How To Get A Faith-Lift!" - John 4:43–54 (pt.2)

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**I. The Father starts with **CRISIS** Faith (v.43-49)**

**II. The Father develops **CONFIRMED** Faith (v.50-53)**

**III. The Father graduates with **CONTAGIOUS** Faith (v.54)**

• **EVERYONE** exercises "**FAITH**", even the Evolutionists and Atheists:

• Christians have **3KINDS** of **FAITH**:

- #1 - **SAVING** Faith
- #2 - **SPECIAL** Faith
- #3 - **SANCTIFYING** Faith

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- Was this father a Jew or a **GENTILE**? We do not know. Nor do we know his exact position in the government. He was probably a member of Herod's court, because the word used for him in Greek is the word **βασιλικός** or "**basilikos**" meaning "a man of the king".
  - Because of this, many teachers believe that this may be the man named "**..Chuzai, Herod's steward..**" in Luke 8:3.
- This man begins with **CRISIS FAITH**. He was about to lose his son and he had no other recourse but the Lord Jesus Christ. Many people came to Jesus with their crises, and He did not turn them away.
- Your children?? Your family?? Your health??
    - **2 Chron 20:1-12NLT** - "After this, the armies of the Moabites, Ammonites, and some of the Meunites declared war on Jehoshaphat. Messengers came and told Jehoshaphat, "A vast army from Edom is marching against you ... **Jehoshaphat was terrified by this news and begged the LORD for guidance.** He also ordered everyone in Judah to begin fasting... He prayed, "O LORD, God of our ancestors, **You** alone are the God who is in heaven. **You** are ruler of all the kingdoms of the earth. **You** are powerful and mighty; no one can stand against **You!**... '**Whenever we are faced with any calamity such as war, plague, or famine, we can come to stand in your presence... We can cry out to you to save us, and you will hear us and rescue us.**'... O our God, won't you stop them? **We are powerless** against this mighty army that is about to attack us. **We do not know what to do, but we are looking to You for help.**"
    - **Hell Week (challenge); Garden City (mistakes); Hurricane Maria (loneliness)...**
- **REMEMBER THIS: In Christianity, Testing = Training = **GROWING!!****
- **1 Tim 4:7,8NLT** - "**..train** yourself to be godly. Physical training is good, but **training for godliness** is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come."
  - **Heb 12:6NLT** - "**..the LORD disciplines** those He loves.. "
    - **Fish being shipped from Europe... flabby, untasty... introduced a natural enemy... strong!**
  - "**Before God can truly use us, in one way or another, we must pass through a time of testing.**" - **Francis Fagipane**

- *“Just as God allowed Job, John the Baptist, and many other faithful believers to be tested and troubled beyond human strength, He will test us as well.” - Leslie Haskin*
- *“Oftentimes, the only way for us to know what’s in our heart, is for GOD to squeeze it by our trials and circumstances. He already knows, but its we who need to be made aware...this will give us the opportunity to humbly ask for His help...and recognize our great need for Him!” - Rebecca Lusignolo*
- **Do YOU have faith that’s in CRISIS? Is your TESTING creating a GROWING?**
  - *“You must see with the eyes of faith, beyond the moment, beyond your situation, and fix your gaze upon Almighty God.” - Kay Arthur*

## **II. The Father possesses CONFIRMED Faith** (v.50-53)

- **“Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your son lives.” So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told him, saying, “Your son lives!” Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.” So the father knew that it was at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, “Your son lives.”**
- **We must admire this father’s faith.** Jesus simply said, “Go your way; your son lives.” and the man believed Jesus! He didn’t even start home, until the next day.
  - *The other man that impressed Jesus, was the Roman centurion in Luke 7:1-10.*
- **It grew to become CONFIRMED Faith.** He believed the Word and had peace in his heart. He was even able to delay his trip home, knowing that the boy was out of danger. Indeed, the boy had been completely healed! And the healing took place at the very time when Jesus spoke the Word. It was this fact that made a believer out of the nobleman and his household. He believed that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God; and he shared this faith with his family.
  - **1. Confirm you Faith with GOD’S WORD** (“*biblically*”)
    - Rom10:17- *“So then faith comes by hearing..the Word of God.”*
      - *“FEEDyour Faith, and your fears will will STARVEto death!” - Unknown*
      - *“A Bible that is falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn’t!” - Spurgeon*
  - **2. Confirm you Faith with GOD’S PROOF** (“*evidentially*”)

- **John 14:11**NLT - “Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Or at least believe *because of the work* you have seen me do.”
- **John 14:11**AMP - “... [If you cannot trust Me, at least *let these works that I do* in My Father’s name *convince you.*]”
- **Mark 16:15-18** NKJV - “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And *these signs will follow* those who believe: In My name they will *cast out demons*; they will *speak with new tongues*; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will *by no means hurt them*; they will lay hands on the sick, and *they will recover.*”
- **John 20:31**- “I have written these things, *that you might believe* that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing, have life in His name.”
  - **1 Peter 3:15-16**NLT - “...if someone asks about your hope as a believer, *always be ready to explain it.* But do this in a gentle and respectful way.”
- Do **YOU** possess faith that's been **CONFIRMED** by the **WORD**?  
The **PROOF**?

### III. The Father graduates with **CONTAGIOUS** Faith (v.54)

- “*And he himself believed, and his whole household. This again is the second sign Jesus did when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.*”
- This was the 2nd miracle Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee (Jn 2:11)
- Jesus’ first miracle at the wedding revealed **His power over time**. The Father is always making water into wine, but He takes a season or two to finish the work. Jesus made the wine instantly. The Father is constantly multiplying bread, season after season, but the Son multiplied it instantly.
- In the second recorded miracle, Jesus showed **His power over space**. He was not limited simply because He was in Cana and the sick boy was in Capernaum. The fact that the father believed the word and did not know the results until the next day is evidence that he had confident faith. He trusted the word that Jesus spoke...and so should we.
- It grew even more to become **CONTAGIOUS** Faith. He shared his experience with others.
  - **Acts 1:8** - We’re called to be “witnesses”
  - **Matt 28:18** - We’re called to be “disciples”

- **Matt 5:13,14** - *We're called to be the "Light of the world"*
  - *Not just to the world... also to your family, children, Christian friends...*

***"I have one enemy and One Ally!"***

***My Enemy***

*My one and only enemy is the Devil  
The Devil is bigger and stronger than I.  
I cannot beat the Devil alone.  
The Devil is a greater force than I.  
If I underestimate my enemy I will be defeated.*

***My Ally***

*God is my Ally.  
My Ally is BIGGER and BETTER and STRONGER than my enemy.  
My Ally is Undefeated.  
And my Ally will always come to my defense.*

***To win***

*I can call my Ally to battle when my enemy attacks  
I will probably suffer until my Ally is called on.  
But we WILL win in the end*

***OR***

*I can always communicate with my Ally  
And have Him at my side, at all times, waiting for the enemy to attack  
If I do this, my suffering will be less and victories be greater.  
we will win each battle together and defeat the enemy quickly  
**So... Bring it On Devil! You WILL lose!***