

Walking by Faith

JOHN 4:43-54

Definitions of Believe

Believe: *pisteuō* (verb) – to think to be true, place confidence in, to have faith in, to trust, to entrust (especially one's spiritual well-being to Christ).

Believe: mere acknowledgement of some fact or event (ie. an intellectual faith). (See James 2:19 ...the demons also believe...)

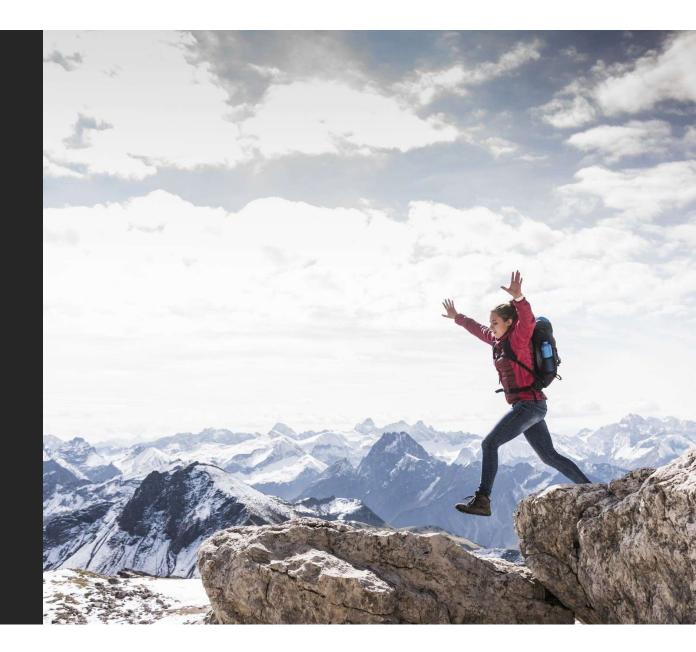
Definitions of Faith

Faith: *pistis* (noun) – conviction of the truth of anything, belief. Belief with the predominate idea of trust (or confidence) whether in God or in Christ... Moral conviction..., especially reliance upon Christ for salvation;

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Walking by Faith

Faith is believing the Word of God and acting upon it, no matter how I feel, knowing that God promises a good result.



Walking with Jesus: A Review

<u>Cana</u> – water to wine at a wedding (Jn 2:1-11) <u>Capernaum</u> – with mother, brother, disciples (vs 12) <u>Jerusalem</u> - clears temple (Jn 2:13-17), performs signs (Jn 2:23), speaks with Nicodemus (Jn 3:1-21) <u>Judean countryside</u> – with disciples (Jn 3:22) <u>Sychar</u> – speaks with Samaritan woman and townspeople <u>Cana</u> – speaks with official whose son is dying

The Response of the People in Galilee

Jesus is rejected in His hometown of Nazareth. (Matt. 13:53-58)

Welcomed in this part of Galilee due to the signs the people had seen while in Jerusalem at the Passover. (John 2:23-25)

I The Official's Crisis

His son was ill and at the point of death (vs 46-47)





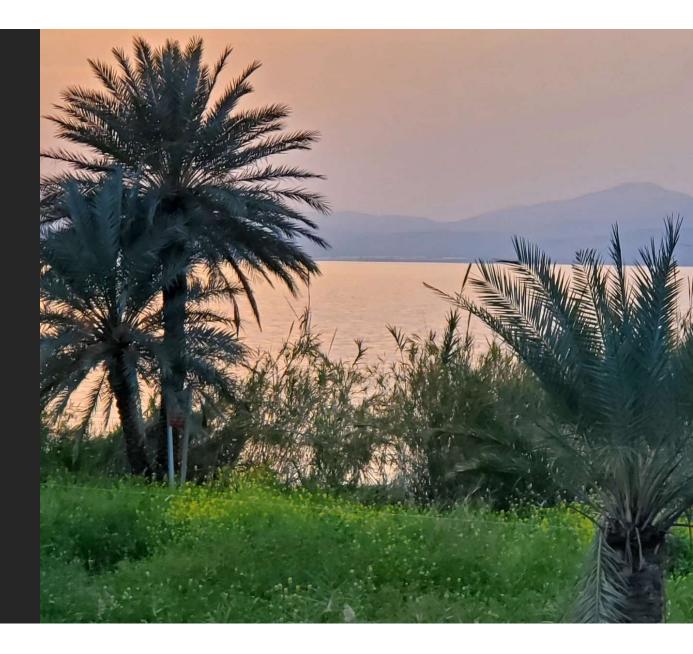
II The Official's Quest

He traveled from Capernaum to Cana to find Jesus

(vs 47)

III The Official's Question

He went to Jesus and begged Him to come to Capernaum and heal his son (vs 47)





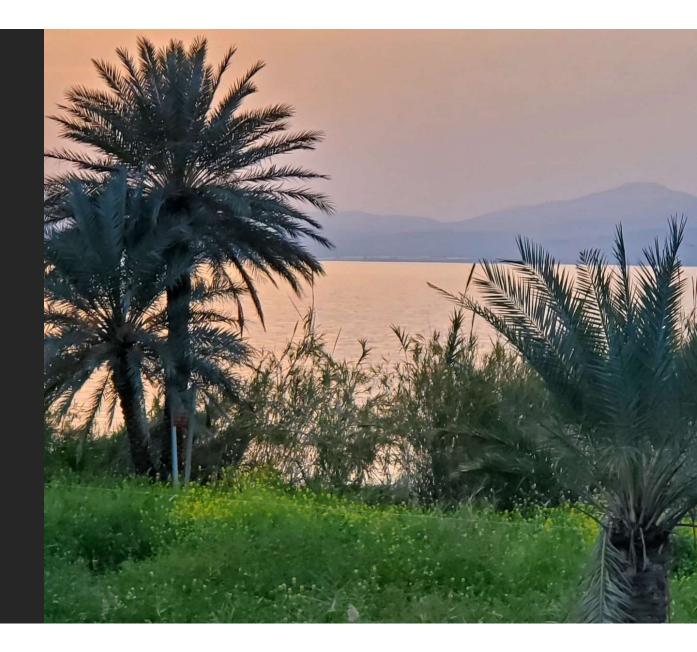
IV The Official at a Crossroads

Jesus said to him, "Go, your son lives."

The official now has a choice to make.

V The Official's Confidence

And he himself believed, and all his household (vs 53)



Application for Non-Believer

Believe in Jesus and receive the gift of eternal life!





Application for Believer

•Go to God

- •Pray and call upon others to pray
- •Give thanks for the opportunity to trust Him
- •Meditate on His Word
- •Act!



