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Jesus Changes Everything

Doubt → Faith

Scripture: 2 Kings 5:9-14; James 1:5-8; Hebrews 11:1-6; Mark 9:23-24

Spotlight: Faith grows when we bring our doubts honestly to Jesus.

Surrender: "You will never have it all figured out—just bring what faith you have to Jesus."

Summary: Jesus changes doubt to faith by drawing us into a personal, life-giving, trusting relationship with God that rests entirely on who He is, what He has done and promised to do. Scripture teaches that faith is the only way to please God (Hebrews 11), that true faith must be anchored in Him alone rather than divided loyalties or self-reliance (James 1), and that even weak, struggling faith becomes powerful when brought honestly to Jesus (Mark 9). The gospel assures us that we are saved by grace through faith in Christ alone—not by our effort or certainty—and invites us to bring both our belief and our doubts to Him. As we do, Jesus meets us in our weakness, steadies our trust, and moves us from paralyzing doubt into confident dependence on His power and promises.

Naaman - **2 Kings 5:9-14**

Spurgeon on Simple Faith (February 18, 1866): Many people assume that simply trusting Christ and receiving forgiveness immediately sounds too easy to be trustworthy. We're suspicious of anything that feels so simple. We expect something more complicated—religious steps, spiritual milestones, moral improvements, or some process we must complete before God will accept us. Surely salvation must require more than simply coming to Jesus in faith.

But the message of the gospel has never changed: trust Jesus, and you will live. Believe in Him, and you are saved. Surrender to Jesus and He Changes Everything.

God has not made salvation obscure, layered, or inaccessible. He has placed it where anyone can reach it—in Jesus. Faith is not found in religious rituals, personal achievements, or depth of knowledge, but in simple belief in Christ Himself. The way to life is not complicated because it does not depend on us; it is simple because it all depends on Him.

Trust Christ—and live.

I. The Necessity of Faith - It is Impossible to Please God without Faith.

Hebrews 11:1-6

1 Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see. 2 Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation. 3 By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen. 4 It was by faith that Abel brought a more acceptable offering to God than Cain did. Abel's offering gave evidence that he was a righteous man, and God showed his approval of his gifts. Although Abel is long dead, he still speaks to us by his example of faith. 5 It was by faith that Enoch was taken up to heaven without dying—"he disappeared, because God took him." For before he was taken up, he was known as a person who pleased God. 6 And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

II. The Authenticity of Faith - Be Sure You have Faith in God Alone.

James 1:5-8

5 If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. 6 But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. 7 Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. 8 Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.

- a. The authority of Scripture
- b. The person and work of Christ
- c. The resurrection of Christ
- d. The Apostolic witness
- e. The work of the Holy Spirit

We are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.

God saved you by his grace when you believed.

III. *The Expectation of Faith* - Anything is Possible IF You Believe.

Mark 9:23–24

23 "What do you mean, 'If I can'?" Jesus asked. "Anything is possible if a person believes."

24 The father instantly cried out, "I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!"

Life Application:

Hebrews 11

1. Do I relate to God mainly through activity or through trust?
2. Where is God calling me to act in faith right now?
3. Do I truly believe God rewards those who seek Him—or do I live as if obedience costs too much?
4. What step of obedience have I delayed because of fear?

James 1

1. Is my confidence for salvation resting completely on Christ?
2. Where might my faith be divided between God and something else (security, approval, control)?
3. Do my decisions reveal stable trust in God or spiritual instability?
4. When I pray, do I genuinely expect God to act—or assume He won't?

Mark 9

1. What situation in my life feels impossible right now?
2. Have I honestly brought my doubts to Jesus—or hidden them?
3. Do I believe Jesus is able even when I feel weak?
4. What would trusting Jesus in this situation look like practically this week?