

Luke Chapter 7

What Faith?

Luke chapter 7 presents us with many interesting lessons that we could focus on. But in order to understand the overall message of Luke 7, you must make it one lesson comprised of many parables.

Hebrews 11:1

'Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. '

1. What does it mean the “substance of things hoped for”?

You see in order to go to the next level in your faith --- wherever you are, you really need to understand faith --- what constitutes faith...

Hebrews 11:2-3

'For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.'

... and what then releases its power --- “obtained a good testimony.”

2. Briefly, is there power in faith?

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Here in this short chapter we have several looks at faith. Let's break them down.

Luke 7:1-10

3. Who had faith here and what kind of faith?

This centurion is widely believed to be the same --- Cornelius --- as the one that built a synagogue in Ceasaria - Jewish tradition.

Luke 7:11-14

Here we see Jesus exercise faith of His own.

Next is probably one of our best lessons in faith.

Isaiah 40:3-5

Matthew 3:1-17

Okay, now read **Luke 7:18-35**

4. What happened to John's faith and what can we learn about ourselves here?

5. Is it okay to doubt?

Okay, moving on...

Luke 7:36-50

6. What is faith in forgiveness?

When we have confidence in the work of Christ, there is a sense of gratitude which will result in action. Saving Grace. Ultimately all faith leads to this. Where will your faith take you today?