

“Faith Strengthens Faith”

John 4:46-54

Tuesday Bible Lunch

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Introduction: When you make a little progress at something, it encourages you. Seeing progress is a positive thing. For example: If you are trying to lose weight, lower your blood pressure, or lower your cholesterol and you make some progress, it encourages you.

The same is true with faith. We see this in our Bible story today.

Text: John 4:46-54

- This is the second miracle Jesus performed in Cana.
- His first miracle in Cana was turning water into wine (John 2:1-12).
- Jesus had performed some miracles in Jerusalem that are not recorded (John 2:23; ,3:2).
- News of Jesus’ miracles had traveled to Capernaum which is some twenty-five miles from Cana.

Life Lessons:

1. What we hear others say about how God helped them is often the beginning of strengthen our faith.

- There is no Scripture that would tell us the Royal Official had ever seen Jesus.
- He evidently believed the reports or what others were saying about Jesus.
- He thought Jesus had to be in his home to heal his son.

Application: When we hear other people tell how God helped them it strengthens our faith.

Application: When we tell how God has helped us, it strengthens other people's faith.

2. Faith is a personal thing.

- The Royal Official went himself.
- Normally Royal Officials would send their servants.

Illustration: You can't "ride on the coat tail" of someone else when it comes to faith.

Application: Your faith is a personal thing between you and God. Go to God with your need first. Ask others if you feel led to pray about a need you have, but do so after you have asked God.

3. The size of your faith is not important (Matthew 17:20)

- Jesus said, "If you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, move from here to there and it will move..." (Matthew 17:20).
- It is not the size of your faith, but the object of your faith that matters.

Conclusion: Ask God to give you faith like Shadrach, Meshack, and Abed-Nego had. They had a "but if not faith" (Daniel 3:18).

Shadrach, Meshack and Abed-Nego lived a long time ago. We read about the faith people had in the Old Testament and ask if people today can have that kind of faith. Yes, they can.

I saw that kind of faith in Dottie during her ten months of sickness. (To hear the story, listen to the message on the church web page www.fbp.org).