

TRUE.

TRUE FAITH

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James 2:14, 20 “My brothers and sisters, if a person claims to have faith but does nothing, that faith is worth nothing. Faith like that cannot save anyone. Faith that does nothing is worth nothing.”

Mark 10:46-52 The Healing of Blind Bartimaeus.

Three Steps To True Faith

1. EXPECTATION.

Mark 10:47 “When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby, he began to shout, ‘Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!’”

True Faith trusts God’s character, not the circumstances.

Psalms 62:5-6 “My soul, wait silently for God alone, for **my expectation is from Him**. He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved.”

1 Peter 1:3 “All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. **Now we live with great expectation.**”

2 Corinthians 3:8-9 “Shouldn’t **we expect far greater glory** under the new way, now that the Holy Spirit is giving life? If the old way, which brings condemnation, was glorious, how much more glorious is the new way, which makes us right with God!”

Matthew 9:29 “According to your faith it will be done to you.”

Expectation will make you show up, pray up, stay up, and never give up.

2. DETERMINATION.

Mark 10:48 “‘Be quiet!’ many of the people yelled at him. But he only shouted louder, ‘Son of David, have mercy on me!’”

When your expectation meets frustration, you need determination.

Ephesians 1:21-22 “Now he (Jesus) is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else - not only in this world but also in the world to come. God has put all things under the authority of Christ.”

True Faith relies on God's authority over every adversary.

Luke 9:59-62 “He said to another person, ‘Come, follow me.’ The man agreed, but he said, ‘Lord, first let me return home and bury my father.’ But Jesus told him, ‘Let the spiritually dead bury their own dead! Your duty is to go and preach about the Kingdom of God.’ Another said, ‘Yes, Lord, I will follow you, but first let me say good-bye to my family.’ But Jesus told him, ‘Anyone who puts a hand to the plow and then looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God.’”

Ephesians 6:13 “Stand your ground, and after you have done everything, stand.”

Your lack is God's opportunity!

Hebrews 11:6 “He who comes to God must believe that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”

True Faith continues to act when the outcome seems doubtful.

3. PARTICIPATION.

Mark 10:50-52 “Bartimaeus threw aside his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus. ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ Jesus asked. ‘My Rabbi,’ the blind man said, ‘I want to see!’ And Jesus said to him, ‘Go, for your faith has healed you.’ Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus down the road.”

True Faith believes God's promise not the problem.

James 1:22 “Don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.”

Romans 16:26 “God commands that people all around the world will have faith in Christ and obey him.”

When you've done all you can, trust God to do all He can.

Matthew 17:20 “Jesus replied, ‘Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.’”

Memory Verse: “Faith that does nothing is worth nothing.” James 2:20