

Sunday School Lesson for the Month of February, 2022

Where Is Your Faith?

(Luke 8:22-25)

(Sunday, February 6, 2022)

Jesus encouraged people to have great faith in God. He taught people to have faith by means of the marvelous words He spoke. He encouraged a greater faith by the miraculous works He performed. He sought to instill faith by the remarkable life He lived. He demonstrated His faith by dying on the Cross, thus expressing His confidence that the Father would raise Him from the dead.

We live in a time that emphasizes faith in oneself. Emphasis is placed on the importance of material security to the extent that many people trust in their material resources. Others have put their faith in their own common sense and judgement. People always experience disappointment when they place the confidence that should be reserved only for God, in something less than God.

I. A Misplaced Faith is the besetting sin of us all.

We have a tendency to forget God and then become overwhelmed with the problems and difficulties of life. We put confidence in material possessions, in military power, or in human ingenuity.

- A. Faithlessness was the sin of Ancient Israel.
- B. Lack of Faith was the sin that plagued the disciples and hindered them from being channels of God's power.
- C. Faithlessness deprives the church of today of spiritual power and significant achievements.
- D. It is the sin of faithlessness that causes the unsaved to remain lost and away from God (John 3:18-36).

(Sunday, February 13, 2022)

II. The tragic results of little or misplaced faith.

- A. "Without faith, it is impossible to please God!" (Hebrews 11:6)
- B. Without faith, imaginary dangers darken the pathway ahead.
- C. Without faith, prayer is an undiscovered privilege.
- D. Without faith, service for God appears to be an impossible task.

(Sunday, February 20, 2022)

III. Misplaced Faith grieves the heart of God!

- A. It disappoints His love!
- B. It questions His power!
- C. It hinders His purpose! When Jesus visited His hometown of Nazareth, He was unable to do any mighty works there because of the people's unbelief.

(Sunday, February 27, 2022)

IV. Growing a Great Faith!

- A. Make your little faith a matter of prayer. Join with the Apostles who prayed, "Lord, increase our faith!" (Luke 17:5)
- B. Study God's word to increase your faith. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).
- C. Use the faith that you have. Our Lord said, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, be uprooted and planted in the sea, and it will obey you" (Luke 17:6 NIV). Our faith may not be as great as it should be; however, it will become greater if we use the faith that we do possess.
- D. Cling to the promise of God. The Bible contains many of the promises of God. We can develop a greater faith if we find these promises and trust in them. As God proves trustworthy, our faith in Him will increase with the passing of the years.

Put your confidence in God! Use the faith that you do possess! Pray for a greater faith! Obey His commandments, experience His blessings, and you will discover that your faith is a growing faith!