**Faith: Part 1**

**How to Increase My Faith**

**Luke 17:1-10**

• This is God’s Word.

• It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction.

• It has God for its author,

• salvation for its end,

• and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter.

• It is the supreme source of truth

• for what we believe

• and how we live.

**Faith Unleashes the Power of God in Our Lives.**

**Jesus Talked About Three Categories of Faith**

* **Those who lacked faith.**

**And he was amazed at their lack of faith. Mark 6:6 (NIV)**

**And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith. Matt 13:58 (NIV)**

**Faith or a lack of faith is a Choice!**

**Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe... Mark 16:14 (NIV)**

* **Those with little faith.**

**Jesus responded, “Why are you afraid? You have so little faith!” Matt 8:26**

**Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. “You have so little faith,” Jesus said. “Why did you doubt me?” Matt 14:31**

* **Those with liberal faith.**

**Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Matthew 15:28**

**Faith is a confident obedience and trust in God and His Word in spite of our circumstances or the consequences.**

**One day Jesus said to his disciples, “There will always be temptations to sin, but what sorrow awaits the person who does the tempting! It would be better to be thrown into the sea with a millstone hung around your neck than to cause one of these little ones to fall into sin.**

**So watch yourselves! “If another believer sins, rebuke that person; then if there is repentance, forgive. Even if that person wrongs you seven times a day and each time turns again and asks forgiveness, you must forgive.”**

**The apostles said to the Lord, “Show us how to increase our faith.” The Lord answered, “If you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘May you be uprooted and thrown into the sea,’ and it would obey you!**

**“When a servant comes in from plowing or taking care of sheep, does his master say, ‘Come in and eat with me’? No, he says, ‘Prepare my meal, put on your apron, and serve me while I eat. Then you can eat later.’ And does the master thank the servant for doing what he was told to do? Of course not. In the same way, when you obey me you should say, ‘We are unworthy servants who have simply done our duty.’” Luke 17:1-10**

**How Can I Increase My Faith?**

* **Ask**

**“…You do not have, because you do not ask God.” James 4:2 (NIV)**

**"Ask and it will be given to you…” Matt 7:7 (NIV)**

* **Read Faith Stories**

**“So faith comes from hearing…” Romans 10:17**

* **Hang around people of faith.**

**“You and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.” Romans 1:12 (NIV)**

* **Step out of your comfort zone.**

**"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. Matthew 14:28-29 (NIV)**