



Sermon Notes April 24, 2022

The Appearances Of Jesus After His Resurrection (PART 11)

TEXT: 1 Corinthians 15:3-8

7TH APPEARANCE

JESUS APPEARANCE TO THE ELEVEN IN GALILEE

MATTHEW 28:16-17

- The word doubt may give you the impression that they did not believe.
- This same word is used only in one other record of the New Testament which is found in Matthew 14:23-31
 - ◆ Jesus uses the word doubt to refer to these disciples with little faith.
 - ◆ Jesus qualifies this doubt as having little faith.
 - ◆ It's not that they had NO faith, but they had LITTLE faith.
 - ◆ In their doubt, there was some faith.
 - ◆ Jesus calls this faith little.
- This is the same word Matthew uses to describe the eleven disciples in the 7th appearance of Jesus.
- He says they had this same doubt. The kind of doubt that has a little faith.
- It's almost as if they wanted to embrace the fact that Jesus was with them and risen from the dead, but hesitant to go all in!!
- They had seen him, touched him, watched him eat, and miraculously provide a boat load of fish on the sea of Tiberias.
- Yet there was still doubt!!

Faith is an essential part of the Christian life.

Faith shows that our trust is in God.

- Hebrews 11:6
 - You will notice in this verse, that faith is not quantitative.
 - It does not say how much faith you must have.
 - It's a rather simple faith
 - This person of faith is a person who:
 - Believes God exists
 - Believes God rewards those who seek him.
 - Faith starts by coming to the conclusion that God exists.
 - That faith moves us to seek him because we believe He is a rewarding God.
- ❖ When people seek God, they will find God.
- Jeremiah 29:12-13

Our Saviour Jesus notices people's faith and helps us recognize the current health of our faith.

Four signs of little faith as illustrated by Jesus in his teaching or circumstances

1. Worrying about the necessities of life:

Matthew 6:25-34 (Cares of this world)

Worrying about tomorrow, robs you of strength that you need for today.

2. Fearing even though God is near:

Matthew 8:23-27 (Storm on the sea with Jesus in the boat)

This has to be one of the most unnecessary things we do is being afraid when God is right here.

3. Turmoil has control of your fear.

Matthew 14:22-33 (Peter walking to see Jesus and begins to sink when he sees the wind around him)

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We can start out with faith believing God is going to work, but when turmoil comes and no easy answers are available and we can't see our way out, we panic because our faith becomes little.

We become peter in the sea of life.

4. When you doubt God's ability to provide:

Matthew 16:5-10 (Disciples concerned how they were going to eat)

These disciples had little faith.

They had seen the hand of God turn five loaves into enough food to feed five thousand

They had seen the hand of God turn seven loaves into enough food to feed four thousand, but now they are concerned about how they were going to eat.

Jesus is the great Provider.

Little faith is so evident when we:

Worry about the necessities of life

Show fear when God is with us

When turmoil controls our fear

When we doubt god's ability to provide.

Five signs of great faith as illustrated by Jesus in his teaching or circumstances

1. When you completely trust God to fix the situation.

Matthew 8:5-10(Centurion with a paralyzed servant that he wanted the Lord to heal)
we need to have complete trust in God that he will fix whatever our situation is.
trust in the lord with all of your heart and lean not on your own understanding.
proverbs 3:5

2. When faith in Christ's power will causes you to go beyond.

Matthew 9:1-8, Mark 2:1-12 (Paralyzed friend – cut open roof to get him in front of Jesus)
Great faith will cause you to go beyond what is normal because of your trust in the power of God.
You will do things that others may see as crazy
You will say thing for Christ that others wouldn't think of saying
When your strength fails – God power pulls you forward!

3. When you know there is no other answer.

Matthew 9:18-22, Luke 8:42-48(Woman with a bleeding problem that physicians could not heal though she had been trying for twelve years – just getting to Jesus would heal her)

4. Zero doubt that God will work.

Matthew 9:27-31(Blind men were absolutely sure Jesus would heal them – followed him into a house where he was going just so they could be healed by them)

5. When your only persistence is before God.

Matthew 15:21-28 (woman with a daughter possessed with a demon would not quit persisting that Jesus act) she was a gentile.

How great does your faith have to be?

The size of a mustard seed.

Matthew 17:14-20

Conclusion

So, how can we move from little faith to great?

Have complete trust in God in all circumstances without doubt or fear.

In doing so, may it be said of us, "O you of great faith!"