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Discipleship Faith
Mark 6:6-12

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- **Hebrews 11:6 NIV**, And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe (*a deep trust and confidence*) that he **(1)** exists and that he **(2)** rewards those who earnestly seek him.
 - **AMP**, But without faith it is impossible to [walk with God and] please Him, for whoever comes [near] to God must [by necessity] believe that God exists and that He rewards those who [earnestly and diligently] seek Him.
- Faith - complete trust or confidence in someone or something
 - **Hebrews 11:1 AMP** Now faith is the assurance (title deed, confirmation) of things hoped for (divinely guaranteed), and the evidence of things not seen [the conviction of their reality—faith comprehends as fact what cannot be experienced by the physical senses].

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- Biblical faith is not blind faith
 - It rests upon the character, promises, provisions and revelations of God Almighty through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior
 - Biblical faith cannot grow strong until it is challenged
 - **James 1:2-3 AMP**, 2 Consider it nothing but joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you fall into various trials. 3 Be assured that the testing of your faith [through experience] produces endurance [leading to spiritual maturity, and inner peace].

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 - **Habakkuk 3:17-18 NIV**, 17 Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls,
 - 18 yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.
 - ❖ **AMP**, Yet I will [choose to] rejoice in the Lord; I will [choose to] shout in exultation in the [victorious] God of my salvation!

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- Jesus chose 12 men to follow Him in discipleship training
 - Jesus has demonstrated the truth of who He is through His miracles and teaching
 - They followed Jesus everywhere, experience what Jesus experienced, and being instructed privately as He teaches about faith
 - Have faith in the seed to produce God's desired results
 - **Mark 4:40 NIV**, He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"
 - He demonstrated the power of faith as He rescued a couple of demon possessed Gentiles living in the graveyard

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 - **Mark 5:34 NIV**, He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”
 - **Mark 5:36 NIV**, Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, “Don’t be afraid; just believe.”
 - **Mark 5:5-6 NIV**, 5 He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. 6 He was amazed at their lack of faith.
 - It now time for the disciple’s faith to be test

Scripture

- **Mark 6:6-12 NIV**, 6 Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. 7 Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.
 - 8 These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. 9 Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. 10 Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. 11 And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.”
 - 12 They went out and preached that people should repent. 13 They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

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- Scriptures such as these are a little hard to apply to our daily lives
 - We tend to just gather the facts and quickly move on without meditating on how it can apply to my today
 - Most of us are not going to the mission field or stand in a pulpit or even teach a class, so how can verses such as these speak to me today?
 - Understand, we are all called to be disciples of Jesus Christ in various ways
 - So, what have I sifted out of these verses for me this week?

Discipleship faith moves in the direction God has placed on their heart

- **Genesis 22:2 NIV**, Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”
 - God placed His direction on Abraham’s heart
 - Abraham knew the direction God was leading him to

Discipleship faith moves in the direction God has placed on their heart

- **Genesis 22:3 NIV**, Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey...he set out for the place God had told him about.
 - Did Abraham have all the answers to the questions swirling around in his mind?
 - He knew God and he knew who his son was, and he knew God's promise
 - I don't read anywhere Abraham complained to God or tried to manipulate God to turn in his way
 - There was just an immediate response of, "Yes, Lord" to the direction God was leading him

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- **Mark 6:6-7 NIV**, 6 Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. 7 Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.
 - Jesus placed within the disciples' heart the direction their lives should go
 - Jesus walked them through this command – *Jesus went village to village*
 - Jesus gave them authority to fight whatever spiritual battle they encounter
- Just like the disciples, God places His direction for our lives within our heart or consciousness, we know that we know
 - Follow Me in the direction of salvation
 - Follow Me in the direction of baptism
 - Follow Me in the direction of discipleship

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 - Have you began learning of Jesus and who you are in Christ Jesus?
 - Have you become stuck in your Christian life?
 - Have you become too busy for God?
 - Is He calling you to use your Spiritual Gifts in ways that causes you anxiety?
 - Is He calling you to just let go and let God?
 - Remember, God has blessed you with authority to fight whatever spiritual battle you encounter
- What direction is God leading you to this morning?

Discipleship faith lives out God's instructions as He defines

- **Genesis 22:3-10 NIV**, 3 Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. 6 Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, 7 Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?"
 - "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" 8 Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

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 - 9 When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

Discipleship faith lives out God's instructions as He defines

- A disciple of Jesus uses His life as a model for how they are to live
 - We are to imitate the Master in our thought processes and actions
- A disciple teacher must first teach their students how to see life as the Master sees it
 - How to see themselves and their world through the eyes of their Master
 - To grasp what is important to their Master
 - **John 4:31-34 NIV**, 31 Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.” 32 But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.” 33 Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?” 34 “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.

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 - **Matthew 22:37-39 NIV**, 37 Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Discipleship faith lives out God's instructions as He defines

- A disciple teacher will then give them specific instruction on how to live
 - Jesus gave the disciples some very specific instructions
 - **Mark 6:8-11 NIV**, 8 These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. 9 Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. 10 Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. 11 And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.”
 - A disciple's life is all about faith in our Lord Jesus Christ

Discipleship faith lives out God's instructions as He defines

- This is what Jesus has been teaching and now the disciples will get some hands-on experience
 - Will they trust the authority Jesus gave them?
 - Will they be found faithful and honest to Jesus' message?
 - Will people see Jesus in them and their message?
 - Will spiritual pride enter the hearts of the disciples?

Discipleship faith leaves the results to God knowing He has found us faithful

- The disciples go out proclaiming Jesus' message, doing miracles as Jesus
 - The disciples will not be judged on how many people believed
 - The world judges success different than God
 - If the world determines we have accomplished our stated goals – success
 - If they see us falling short of our goals – failure
- But God uses a different standard for success
 - Were we or are we faithful to the direction and way He has led us
 - Not in perfection but faithfulness
 - Did we get back up like King David when we stumbled?
 - Have we remained true to the person and message of Jesus Christ?

Discipleship faith leaves the results to God knowing He has found us faithful

- **Genesis 22:11-13 NIV**, 11 But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. 12 “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”
 - 13 Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son.
- Did the disciples remain faithful
 - **Mark 6:12-13 NIV**, 12 They went out and preached that people should repent. 13 They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

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- The disciples came back with the feeling of success because even the demons were subject to their commands, healings occurred, the message delivered – wonderful
- They were looking at it as the world does
 - **Luke 10:20 NIV**, However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.



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