

Thy Son Liveth !!!

John 4: 46 - 54

Introduction

- Happy Father's Day to all of our fathers.
- Fatherhood is a special role in the life of another.
- We often fail to see the influence of a father on the life of young ones.
- Father is daughter's first love. Teaches her how to relate to the opposite sex.
- Fathers teach their sons how to treat the opposite sex.

A Loving Father

- John 4: 46.
- Father who loved and cared about his son.
- Son was sick with the fever unto death.
- Father was a nobleman who was in charge of Herod's possessions.
- Walked 20 miles from Capernaum to Cana to seek help from the Master.

A Loving Father

- Christ describes himself as the Son of God.
- Christ tells them that won't believe unless they signs and wonders.
- Jews were like this. Many today are like this.
- Christ comes face to face with unbelief.
- John 20:30, 31.
- We have the picture of a father who dearly loved his son, who was deathly ill.

Christ is the Answer

- Sometimes friends can't help.
- Drs. can't help either.
- There was no penicillin available.
- No home remedies.
- No amount of money could help him.
- No social workers, counselors, etc.
- JUST JESUS.
- He knew that Jesus could do all things.

Christ is the Answer

- Man may have had no desire to find and know Jesus UNTIL TROUBLE CAME TO HIS HOUSE.
- Sometimes trials help us to move towards God.
- God often works that way today.
- We must sometimes realize that our only hope is Jesus.
- He then can begin to show us who He really is.

Christ is the Answer

- Reality had set in with the father.
- Every parent wants the best for their children.
- Does not always turn out that way.
- Death, Illness, Prison, Divorce, Job Loss, etc. can happen to anyone.
- Parents often will do anything to “FIX” their children.
- BUT, Have you taken the child to God?

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- Jesus saw the Father's humble faith.
- Jesus saw a man who knew that Christ was his only hope to save his child.
- God often recognizes faith even as small as a "Mustard Seed"
- The Father continues to ask, seek, and knock on the Heart of Jesus.
- We, too, must be persistent in our prayers.

Faith to Faith

- God always takes our “little faith” and makes it stronger.
- Same progression seen in the Nobleman.
- John 4:47. He believed that Jesus had to be physically there.
- John 4:50. He now believes in the words of Jesus.
- John 4:53. He now believes IN JESUS!

True Faith

- 1. Sometimes we won't believe in miracles, anywhere, anyplace, or anytime.
- Ex. Jews in Jerusalem.
- 2. Believing in miracles is the “bottom rung of faith.”
- 3. Mature Faith is fully believing in the person of Jesus!!
- Christ wants all of His disciples to get there!!

Believing is Seeing

- Christ tested the man's faith in this way.
- He says "Go thy way, thy son liveth."
- No personal visits.
- No phone calls to physicians in Capernaum.
- No need for Grandma's remedies!
- His Son was healed instantly .
- This was based on Christ's words and the Nobleman's faith!!

Believing is Seeing

- To walk spiritually, we must “Believe it before we See it.”
- Hebrews 11:1,6.
- Christ proves this very principle in John 4: 46-54.
- Is your faith in what you can see only?
- God honors faith that is based on the Word of God!

What Faith is Not

- **1. In Politics.** (Psalms 146:3)
- **2. Riches.** (1 Tim. 6:17)
- **3. In Earthly Wisdom.** (Prov. 3:5-7)
- **4. In Man.** (Isaiah 2:22) “22 Stop trusting in man, who has but a breath in his nostrils. Of what account is he?”
- **5. In Family.** (Psalms 27:10). “Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me.”

What Faith is Not

- **6. In Religion.** (Jer. 7:44) “Do not trust in deceptive words and say, This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD!”
- True faith in Jesus means that you have a **CONVERTED Faith!**
- Converted faith is means that you know fully trust in the power, glory, and person of Jesus.