

**Wednesday – 6pm: Gathering at Church or @ BALBOA.LIVE or BALBOA FACEBOOK PAGE
“Praying in FAITH” 7.29.20**

- 1. Faith starts our walk with God. In Mark 1:17 what’s the end result? _____.**
“Become” = process. ... becoming people through whom Jesus will *turn the world upside down*.
- 2. In the four Gospels, the disciples often missed it! How did Jesus react?**
 - Jesus pointed “*faith*” out when He saw it. **Matthew 8:10, 9:22, 15:28**
 - Jesus rebuked them for their “*little faith*.” **Matthew 6:30, 8:26, 14:31, 16:8**
 - Jesus said that with *faith* all things are _____. **Matthew 19:26**
 - Without *faith* it is _____ to please God. **Hebrews 11:6**
 - **LATER IN THE BOOK OF ACTS, THE DISCIPLES TURNED THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN!!!**
- 3. God’s working in our life is connected to our faith! **Matthew 13:58, 17:20. Matthew 8:13, 9:29.**
 - **Faith** is an attitude based on the character, promises, and actions of **GOD!**
 - **Faith** comes from knowing what **GOD** said.**

Prayer & Faith

- 1. To pray without *faith* can have negative consequences. These asked without faith ...**
 - The children of Israel complained (**Numbers 11:1-2,33**).
 - Asking for a king in spite of being warned of the consequences. (**1 Samuel 8:9-18**).
 - Zacharias questioning the angel’s pronouncement made him unable to speak. (**Luke 1:18-20**).
- 2. *Faith* is not “name it and claim it.”**
 - It is the height of folly to think you can hold a theological pistol to the God’s head.
 - Abraham knew he would have a son because God said so, not because He wished it into being.
- 3. When you face a situation in which you don’t know God’s mind, *faith* is expressed as an attitude.**
 - You don’t know what, when, or how God will answer, but based on His character you know (*faith*) He’s going to respond in some manner.
 - **Faith** comes before the throne of grace boldly until God declares what He will do. **Heb. 4:16**

Guided Prayer:

1. Focus on God – Get God-Centered – Start with God...

Meditate on God’s omnipotence, omnipresence, omniscience, omni-goodwill so we’ll have *faith*.

2. Respond from the Heart

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my concerns. Psalm 139:23

3. Seek First the Kingdom.

4. Present your Requests – Pray for one another.

5. Close in Celebration.

Mark 1:17

Then Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you **become** fishers of men.” NKJV

Matthew 8:8-10

⁸ “Lord,” the centurion replied, “I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹ For I too am a man under authority, having soldiers under my command. ^[c] I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this!’ and he does it.” ¹⁰ Hearing this, Jesus was amazed and said to those following him, **“Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with so great a faith.**

Matthew 9:20-22

²⁰ Just then, a woman who had suffered from bleeding for twelve years approached from behind and touched the end of his robe, ²¹ for she said to herself, “If I can just touch his robe, I’ll be made well.” ^[k] ²² Jesus turned and saw her. “Have courage, daughter,” he said. **“Your faith has saved you.”** ^[l] And the woman was made well from that moment. ^[m]

Matthew 15:22,28

²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came and kept crying out, ^[m] “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely tormented by a demon.” ... ²⁸ Then Jesus replied to her, **“Woman, your faith is great. Let it be done for you as you want.”** And from that moment ^[n] her daughter was healed.

Matthew 6:25, 30

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you: Don’t worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Isn’t life more than food and the body more than clothing? ... ³⁰ If that’s how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, won’t he do much more for you—**you of little faith?**

Matthew 8:23-26

²³ As he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. ²⁴ Suddenly, a violent storm arose on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves—but Jesus kept sleeping. ²⁵ So the disciples came and woke him up, saying, “Lord, save us! We’re going to die!” ²⁶ He said to them, **“Why are you afraid, you of little faith?”** Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

Matthew 14:29-33

²⁹ He said, “Come.” And climbing out of the boat, Peter started walking on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the strength of the wind, ^[i] he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand, caught hold of him, and said to him, **“You of little faith, why did you doubt?”** ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ Then those in the boat worshiped him and said, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Matthew 16:7-9

⁷ They were discussing among themselves, “We didn’t bring any bread.” ⁸ Aware of this, Jesus said, **“You of little faith,** why are you discussing among yourselves that you do not have bread? ⁹ Don’t you understand yet? Don’t you remember the five loaves for the five thousand and how many baskets you collected?

Matthew 19:24-26

²⁴ Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁵ When the disciples heard this, they were utterly astonished and asked, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁶ Jesus looked at them and said, “**With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.**”

Hebrews 11:6

⁶ Now **without faith it is impossible to please God**, since the one who draws near to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Matthew 13:58

⁵⁸ And he did not do many miracles there **because of their unbelief**.

Matthew 17:20

²⁰ “**Because of your little faith**,” he^[a] told them. “For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of ^[b] a mustard seed, you will tell this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. **Nothing will be impossible for you.**”^[c]

Matthew 8:10, 13

¹⁰ Hearing this, Jesus was amazed and said to those following him, “Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with **so great a faith**. ... ¹³ Then Jesus told the centurion, “Go. **As you have believed**, let it be done for you.” And his servant was healed that very moment.^[a]

Matthew 9:28-29

²⁸ When he entered the house, the blind men approached him, and Jesus said to them, “**Do you believe that I can do this?**” They said to him, “Yes, Lord.” ²⁹ Then he touched their eyes, saying, “**Let it be done for you according to your faith.**”

Numbers 11:1-2, 33

¹ Now the people began **complaining** openly before^[a] the LORD about hardship. When the LORD heard, his **anger** burned, and fire from the LORD blazed among them and consumed the outskirts of the camp. ... ³³ But while they were gorging themselves on the meat—while it was still in their mouths—the **anger** of the LORD blazed against the people, and he struck them with a severe plague.

1 Samuel 8:18-19

¹⁸ When that day comes, you will cry out because of the king you’ve chosen for yourselves, but the LORD won’t answer you on that day.” ¹⁹ **The people refused to listen** to Samuel. “No!” they said. “We must have a king over us.

Luke 1:18-19

¹⁸ “How can I know this?” Zechariah asked the angel. “For I am an old man, and my wife is well along in years.” ¹⁹ The angel answered him, “I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and tell you this good news. ²⁰ Now listen. You will become silent and unable to speak until the day these things take place, **because you did not believe my words**, which will be fulfilled in their proper time.”

Hebrews 14:6

¹⁶ Therefore, let us approach the throne of grace with **boldness**, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need.