

Light & Life - The Book Of John
"What Kind Of Faith Do You Have?" John 4:43-54
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What Kind Of Faith Do You Have?

1. Is Your Faith Just About Meeting Your Needs?

⁴³ After the two days he left for Galilee. ⁴⁴ (Now Jesus himself had pointed out that a **prophet has no honor** in his own country.) ⁴⁵ When he arrived in Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him. They had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the **Passover Feast**, for they also had been there. ⁴⁶ Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had **turned the water into wine**. And there was a certain **royal official** whose son lay sick at Capernaum. **John 4:43-46 (NIV)**

⁴⁷ When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and **begged** him to come and heal his son, who was close to death. ⁴⁸ "Unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "you will never believe." ⁴⁹ The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies." ⁵⁰ Jesus replied, "**You may go. Your son will live.**" The man **took Jesus at his word** and departed. **John 4:47-50 (NIV)**

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2. Have You Grown From Simple Faith To Saving Faith?

⁵⁰ Jesus replied, "**You may go. Your son will live.**" The man **took Jesus at his word** and departed. ⁵¹ While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. ⁵² When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, "The fever left him **yesterday** at the seventh hour." ⁵³ Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." **So he and all his household believed.** ⁵⁴ This was the second miraculous sign that Jesus performed, having come from Judea to Galilee. **John 4:50-54 (NIV)**

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Which Jesus Do You Worship?

Social Jesus: Historical person, miracle worker, accepts & condones sin.

Biblical Jesus: Eternal, Creator God, Life Giver; who paid the penalty of our sins and calls us to live in His light.

Big Idea:

To know Who Jesus is and to place our confident trust in Him as our Lord & Savior.

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. **John 20:31 (NIV) Remember Verse**

Three Steps To Grow From Simple Faith To Saving Faith

1. Believe Jesus Is The Savior Of The World

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." **John 3:16 (NIV)**

2. Receive Him

"Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—" **John 1:12 (NIV)**

3. Follow Him

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they **follow** me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one." **John 10:27-30 (NIV)**

To move from simple faith to saving faith, I will:

- [] Accept Jesus as my Savior.
- [] Sign up for a small group or take Foundations of Faith class.
- [] Follow Jesus in Believer's Baptism.

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Family Corner: [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family.]

Open in Prayer.

Icebreaker: Where do you need God to show up in your life this week?

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Read John 4:43-54

Swindoll's Living Insights New Testament Commentary - John

Jesus had warned His disciples with the statement, “A prophet has no honor in his own country” (see Matt. 13:57; Mark 6:4; Luke 4:24), especially when ministering in the region near his boyhood home. In this case, John is reflecting on the success among the “foreign” Samaritans and granting us access to Jesus’ inner life. While the present visit was a congenial time among the Galileans, who were perhaps proud of their hometown hero, the Lord kept their goodwill in perspective. When people get what they want, belief comes easily. How will they respond when confronted with the truth? When the true Messiah confronts the “messiah” of their expectations, which will they choose? The days ahead will become a clash of wills—human expectations versus God’s sovereignty. Jesus’ encounter with the royal official illustrates the faith response He desires.

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How did the Royal official respond to what Jesus said? (4:47-50)

When did the royal official’s son get better? (4:51-53)

What did Jesus say about miraculous signs? Why is this dangerous attitude? (4:48)

What impact did Jesus' healing have on the royal official's household? (4:53)

In what ways are we typically more interested in what Jesus can do for us than what we can do for Him?

In what ways are we demanding of God in our relationship with Him?

What are some miracles God has worked in your life?

What is something specific you can thank God for doing in your life?

How do you need to trust in God this week to handle a situation you can't control or work out on your own?