

Sermon Reflections

Powerful Faith Matthew 17:14-27

Summary: How much faith do you have? Even a little faith placed in a big God unlocks tremendous power. Increase your faith in Christ. Rely more and more on Christ than yourself.

1. Increase your faith in God's power (vv. 14-20)

- When you are afraid or worried, how might that show that your faith is relying on yourself or others rather than on God?
- How has the failure of another believer discouraged you?
- How do we know that there are differing amounts of faith? See Luke 7:9; Matt 15:28; Matt 9:2; Luke 17:5; Romans 14:1; 2 Corinthians 10:15.
- What warning signs show that your faith may be resting on yourself?

2. Expand your faith in God's plan (vv. 22-23)

- Discuss several examples from Scripture where God used hard circumstances to do His good will for His children.
- What promises of God do you most rely on during difficult circumstances?

3. Deepen your faith in God's provision. (vv. 24-27)

- With all the uncertainties of life, how can you know your needs will be met?
- Read verse 27. Are you giving offenses to others in any area because of your rights?

What steps can you take to increase, expand, and deepen your faith? See 2 Peter 1:3-8.