

Luke Lesson 46 – What is faith?

Luke 7:1–11 (AMP)

¹AFTER JESUS had finished all that He had to say in the hearing of the people [on the mountain], He entered Capernaum.

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³And when the centurion heard of Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to Him, requesting Him to come and make his bond servant well.

⁴And when they reached Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying, He is worthy that You should do this for him,

⁵For he loves our nation and he built us our synagogue [at his own expense].

⁶And Jesus went with them. But when He was not far from the house, the centurion sent [some] friends to Him, saying, Lord, do not trouble [Yourself], for I am not sufficiently worthy to have You come under my roof;

⁷Neither did I consider myself worthy to come to You. But [just] speak a word, and my servant boy will be healed.

⁸For I also am a man [daily] subject to authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, Go, and he goes; and to another, Come, and he comes; and to my bond servant, Do this, and he does it.

⁹Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled at him, and He turned and said to the crowd that followed Him, I tell you,

not even in [all] Israel have I found such great faith [as this].

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Dictionary of Bible Themes A constant outlook of trust towards God, whereby human beings abandon all reliance on their own efforts and put their full confidence in him, his word and his promises.

Hebrews 11 (NASB95)

¹ Now faith is the assurance of *things* hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

^{11:6} And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

Job 38:1–4 (NASB95)

¹ Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said, ² “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³ “Now gird up your loins like a man, And I will ask you, and you instruct Me!

⁴ “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell *Me*, if you have understanding,

⁵ Who set its measurements? Since you know. Or who stretched the line on it?

**6 "On what were its bases sunk? Or who laid its
cornerstone,**

**8 "Or *who* enclosed the sea with doors when, bursting
forth, it went out from the womb;**

**10 And I placed boundaries on it and set a bolt and doors, ¹¹
and I said, 'Thus far you shall come, but no farther; and
here shall your proud waves stop'?**

**12 "Have you ever in your life commanded the morning,
and caused the dawn to know its place,**

**16 "Have you entered into the springs of the sea or walked
in the recesses of the deep?**

**22 "Have you entered the storehouses of the snow, or have
you seen the storehouses of the hail,**

**31 "Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades, or loose the
cords of Orion? ³² "Can you lead forth a constellation in its
season, and guide the Bear with her satellites?**

**35 "Can you send forth lightnings that they may go and say
to you, 'Here we are'?**

**Job 39:13 "The ostriches' wings flap joyously with the pinion
and plumage of love, ¹⁴ for she abandons her eggs to the**

earth and warms them in the dust, ¹⁵ and she forgets that a foot may crush them, or that a wild beast may trample them. ¹⁶ "She treats her young cruelly, as if *they* were not hers; though her labor be in vain, *she* is unconcerned; ¹⁷ Because God has made her forget wisdom, and has not given her a share of understanding.

^{39:27} "Is it at your command that the eagle mounts up and makes his nest on high? ²⁸ "On the cliff he dwells and lodges, upon the rocky crag, an inaccessible place. ²⁹ "From there he spies out food; His eyes see *it* from afar.

Luke 7:2 (AMP)

²Now a centurion had a bond servant who was held in honor and highly valued by him, who was sick and at the point of death.

Revelation 5:9 (AMP)

⁹ And [now] they sing a new song, saying, You are worthy to take the scroll and to break the seals that are on it, for You were slain (sacrificed), and with Your blood You purchased men unto God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

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Hebrews 11:7 By faith Noah, being warned *by God* about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

Hebrews 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an

inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going.

⁹ By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign *land*, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; ¹⁰ for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

Hebrews 11:11 By faith even Sarah herself received ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she considered Him faithful who had promised.

^{11:13} All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

11:32 And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed *acts of righteousness*, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received *back* their dead by resurrection;

and others were tortured, not accepting their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection; ³⁶ and others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned, they were sawn in

two, they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated ³⁸ (*men* of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹ And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ because God had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.

Habakkuk 1:1–7 (NASB95)

² How long, O LORD, will I call for help, And You will not hear? I cry out to You, “Violence!” Yet You do not save. ³ Why do You make me see iniquity, and cause *me* to look on wickedness? Yes, destruction and violence are before me; strife exists and contention arises. ⁴ Therefore the law is ignored and justice is never upheld. For the wicked surround the righteous; therefore justice comes out perverted.

⁵ “Look among the nations! Observe! Be astonished! Wonder! Because *I am* doing something in your days— You would not believe if you were told. ⁶ “For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans, that fierce and impetuous people who march throughout the earth to seize dwelling places which are not theirs.

Habakkuk 3:17–19 (NASB95)

¹⁷ Though the fig tree should not blossom and there be no fruit on the vines, *though* the yield of the olive should fail and the fields produce no food, though the flock should be

cut off from the fold and there be no cattle in the stalls, ¹⁸
Yet I will exult in the LORD, I will rejoice in the God of my
salvation. ¹⁹ The Lord God is my strength, and He has made
my feet like hinds' feet, and makes me walk on my high
places.

Happy Valentine's Day to all those who love Rebecca...

And Happy Valentine's Day to Rebecca.....

**Actually, Rebecca has been a very busy little girl today!!
Her pain levels were MUCH IMPROVED...hallelujah!! Since
she was feeling better, she spread her cheer around the
hospital as she has done on numerous other holiday
occasions.....**

**Rebecca had a great day....some friends of the Taylor
family, the Dillingers, brought several gifts to the hospital
for Rebecca to deliver to the other children hospitalized on
her floor. Christyn reports it was a "precious
moment"not only did Rebecca pass out gifts, she passed
out homemade valentine's she and some of her classmates
had made together.....apparently, one little girl
hospitalized who cannot speak, squealed in excitement as
Rebecca came bearing gifts and valentines....another little
girl hospitalized, "smiled for the first time all week" as
Rebecca delivered gifts!! Christyn said it was "truly a
wonderful morning"thank You God...!!!**

**THE BEST NEWS----REBECCA WENT HOME TONIGHT...!!!!!!
Christyn believes "God needed Rebecca to stay long
enough for the very moments of today..." What a great day
for Rebecca....and the little friends she blessed with her
smile, homemade valentines, and gifts!!!**

**"Dear Father....thank You....thank You....thank You....to
You be all the glory and praise....we humbly thank You for
today....thank You that Rebecca is home right now..."**

In the blessed Name of Jesus we pray...

Philip Yancey's definition of faith:

"Faith means believing in advance what will only make sense in reverse."

1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NASB95)

¹⁷ pray without ceasing;

Philippians 4:6 (NASB95)

⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

MY NAME IS "I AM"

I was regretting the past and fearing the future. Suddenly my Lord was speaking: "My name is "I AM.", "When you live in the past with its mistakes and regrets, it is hard. I am not there. My name is not 'I WAS.'

When you live in the future with its problems and fears, it is hard. I am not there. My name is not 'I WILL BE.'

When you live in this moment it is not hard; I am there! My name is 'I AM'

