Luke 17:5-10 & 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Be Bold with Faith

As the gospel reading, Luke 17:5-10, is the focus text, I am going to talk about faith, and in the message I may point out: Faith is not something that you can store up and accumulate, so that the more you have, the more you can do. Faith is a relationship. Faith is a relationship with God. Faith is simply trusting God. Either you trust God, or you don't.

That is why you read the Bible, the story of people who trust God, you see amazing things. However, often we may have forgotten that great and miraculous things have been done by trusting God alone. The problem is not that you don't have enough faith but you aren't using what you have. Tom Wright comments that this is not so much about having a big enough faith in God, but faith in a big enough God.

In the text we also have a teaching from Jesus on the kind of attitude we need to assume as followers of Christ. When we do what we are supposed to do we should respond, ‘we have only done what has been asked of us and nothing more. We are worthless slaves.’ This is a difficult concept for most of us in the church to understand. And here is the humbling part of our text. The lesson Jesus gives us is about our attitude as servants of the Most High. No matter how good we think we may be, we are to be humble and unassuming.

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