

Except you see!

Then said Jesus unto him,
Except ye see signs and wonders,
ye will not believe.

John 4:48

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We don't have to have some kind of a sign from heaven in order to believe God.

God put a faith in each of us, and then gives us added faith for special things He wants to do.

Instead of needing *a sign* from heaven, all we need to do is have a faith to believe *the God* of heaven. He will provide. He will make a way.

Yes, He will give us what we need.

We should want that faith to abound, so we won't be like these who wouldn't believe unless they saw signs and wonders.

The nobleman saith unto him,

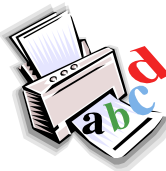
Sir, come down ere my child die. John 4:48

Here is someone in great trouble:

Sir, come down ere my child die.

Given that opportunity, the Lord surely would do something. Yet, this father wanted to see a sign first, that he might believe the Lord would do it.

Jesus tries to wean people away from this to bring them into the realm where, if they want to see miracles, if they want to see the power of God at work, then they have to learn that it is done by faith.



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We can't always expect to have a big sign light up to assure us that God will do it. God could give us something new every day, working another miracle and another miracle and another miracle that we might believe. But He doesn't.

He wants us to believe - first.

The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. John 4:49,50a

There's the complete answer!

And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. John 4:50b

Jesus wanted him to do this. He wanted him to believe what was told him and take it into his heart. That's all he had to do - believe.

If he would just believe, the thing that he wanted so desperately would come to pass. Yes, all he had to do was believe.

And we find that he did believe what Jesus had to say, and then went on his way.

We have lots of troubles in this life. Everyone of them seems to be an opportunity to reach out in faith, and say, *God, help me!*

Now, there's the thing we need - and then, there's the thing we **think** we need.

The things we **think** we need
are those things
we **think** we just can't live without.



We can live without a lot of things
we **think** we have to have.

You don't really need all of those things in order to live. Sure, it's nice to have them, but you don't really need them.

The nobleman was in the place where he was feeling a desperation. And Jesus was wanting to get his attention to help him.

He dealt with him because he wouldn't believe unless he saw signs and wonders - *If you want this, you've got to believe before seeing.*

Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. John 4:50

Go your way; your son lives.

That's all he needed to hear! Here we find the man believed without first seeing a sign or a wonder.

Speak the word only
= and what will happen?

If we speak the word only, the Lord will answer. That's all that needs to be done: speak the word only. We don't need to do anything else, if we can but speak the word in faith believing.

Jesus didn't have to go to this man's house. All He had to do was speak the word.

Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. John 4:51

You see what faith will do? Jesus wasn't trying to discourage the nobleman when He said, *Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.*

He was wanting to bring him to the place of believing.

Yes, Jesus wanted him to get to the place where what was said in this 48th verse wasn't always the thing he was looking at.

The nobleman didn't have to have a sign. He thought he did, but he didn't. All he had to do was believe.

We find a lot of opportunities in life to exercise our faith and believe Him. But, do we?

We should put a lot more emphasis on the fact that that's all we have to do - believe.

You know, to believe is a wonderful thing in the realm of our Christian faith. But with some, it seems to be such a hard thing for them to simply reach out to trust and believe God.

And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.

What did the man do? He believed the word that Jesus had spoken. He didn't first believe the signs, the wonders, the miracles that he saw. No, there were none to see when he first came.

Let us learn more and more about merely believing Jesus. Deep in our heart, embracing the Lord - taking deep in our hearts that we're going to believe and standing on those promises that have so wonderfully been given.

All the promises of God in Christ Jesus are yea, and Amen - **2 Cor 1:20**: ALL the promises. If God put a *No* in a promise, that would cancel it out.

He wants us to believe His promises. He gave promise after promise to us in His Word, and we should take each one of them and embrace them.

If you're having a struggle with some of those things, it's up to you to embrace the promises.

Get your Bible out and begin to read - and begin to take to heart what God has said in His Word.

You can bring your faith up. It's not impossible for you to believe: For with God ALL things are possible - [Mark 10:27](#).

God is wanting us to believe Him. We've got to know that. It isn't like we're trying something new. It's that God has given a desire to want to take the things of God into our hearts.

Let's be in the place where we don't feel we have to have signs in order to believe. Signs are nice, but we don't have to have them to believe. It's the believing that brings the answer.

And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth.

[John 4:51](#)

This was good news =
His son is alive!



It's easy to understand the joy that was brought into this father's heart. This would cause him to change his theology, of feeling he needed to see a sign or wonder in order to believe.

Then inquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house. [John 4:52,53](#)

Here it is, now: It's easy to figure out that Jesus was at work in response to this man's faith.

There's the song we sing, *If Jesus said it, I believe it. It's His Word, It cannot lie.*

God's word cannot lie.

The scriptures cannot be broken - John 10:35.

You just cannot break God's Word. I don't care who you are, or where you came from, or how big a sledge hammer you carry in your truck. I don't care how many times you run over a promise - it will still be there.

God wants us to be blessed. But how are we going to get blessed if we're always a doubting Thomas?

How did Thomas doubt? He could not believe what he heard, and thus, he couldn't go any further in his faith: *Except I see the nail prints in His hands, I'm not going to believe - see John 20.*

You know, you can set your heart not to believe. You can go all day, and all week, and all month, and all year - and still not have any results.

Why? because God doesn't have to do it for you just because you make a condition to your believing: *Except . . . I will not believe.*

Just believe - and say what you should be saying: *Sirs, I believe God!*

We should be in that place of believing, having a deep, rich faith abounding in our heart.

And that faith can be increased!

One day, even though the Master was with them, the disciples were struggling a bit; and they seemed to catch on to what they needed when they said, *Lord, increase our faith - Luke 17:5.*

That's all they had to say: *Lord, increase our faith.* They are asking for faith - and, you know, this is a good way to get it - just by asking for it.

Have you ever tried praying like this?

Lord, increase my faith.

If you want faith to really work in your heart, if you want God to really move the mountain - you have to come to that place where you're in this realm of believing.

Now, there's a lot of things here in the Word that can help us in our going on - IF we're in the place where we're willing to listen. And then we'll find out how much easier it is to receive what we need from God.

In this realm, we've got to get in the place where we're going to take hold of things again and again, and exercise our faith.

Faith doesn't get old, does it? No, it's not something that gets old. It can be right up to date - your faith, my faith.

So, the disciples were asking to have their faith increased. When was the last time you asked for your faith to be increased?

If God did it for them, can He do it for you? Can He cause your faith to get greater? Sure He can!

We want that faith, and we want that faith to be manifest. Therefore, we have to come to, and learn there is a way wherein we're going to receive it.

Don't expect that every time you want something, you have to have some special sign or wonder or a miracle in order to believe. It's not true. You don't have to have any of that before you can believe.

Jesus was saying to the nobleman, *Except you see a sign or wonder, you can't believe.* Yet, this man did believe, didn't he.

So, why did Jesus say what He did?


He knew that when the nobleman believed the word of the Lord, and his need was met, he would find out that he could believe without first having to see a sign or a wonder.

So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house. [John 4:53](#)

Have faith in God. Don't put your faith in the world. Don't put your faith in man. Put your faith in God and in His Word. Be confident in Him.

One night when I was praying, the Lord told me, *I want you to be confident* - then, after there was a pause, He continued, *I want you to be confident, not in yourself, but in Me.*

If you have confidence just in yourself, or in some other man, you will miss the mark time and again. If you want to have confidence in a sure thing, place your confidence in God.

Be in the place where you can take hold of what God is saying, and be confident:  and straighten out your confidence.

Are you confident the Lord can do that which you want Him to do? And not just *can* you believe the Lord? but *will* you believe the Lord?

You have to come to the point where you do believe the Lord. Embrace that belief so your faith will be at work to help you.

You want to learn more and more about using your faith. You want to take to heart how to put it together as God works to bring you into the realm where you have confidence in Him.

Yes, you can have complete confidence in the Lord - that is, if you want to. You can have confidence to believe His Word, and confidence to stand on what's written therein.

We have these promises, and we can get very confident that God is going to answer and do just as He has promised - **IF** we merely stand on His promises in faith believing.

A promise is a promise. If the promise doesn't work, is it our problem, or God's? God is faithful to His promises, and He wants us to put our faith in His Word.

He doesn't want us to be faithless. He wants us to have faith. And He has given to each of us the measure of faith - **Romans 12:3b**.

Now, that measure can surely be increased. And if we would work on it, it will do just that:

*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. **Romans 10:17***

The faith of Jesus

What great faith Jesus had. You can't imagine what it would be like to operate with His faith.

We have been given the measure of faith, and our faith can increase - but Jesus has all faith.

*Another lesson in faith - **John 5***

After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.

*In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. **John 5:1-3***

One thing about waiting. If you're not careful, you can be in that place of always waiting.

For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. John 5:4

Now, one would wonder if this really took place, or not. Surely it did. Jesus wouldn't be taking part in it if it wasn't real.

And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? John 5:5

This man had been a long time in that condition.

Will you be made whole? Will you?

I mean, will you let God work - and be made whole?

Sometimes it's things like this that can cause people to fail to receive.

The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. John 5:7

I can't. I can't. I can't. There's too many reasons why I can't. Every time I try, someone else gets ahead of me.

He was in the place where everything was working out for others, but not for him.

We don't want to think negative. Faith is not negative. Faith is positive. *The promises are . . . how are they, now? they are yea, and Amen.*

Jesus saith unto him,

Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. **John 5:8**

Just a simple commandment, telling him just what to do. *Rise. Don't lay there any longer. Take up your bed, and walk.*

Wow! Nothing like telling a man to receive a miracle. Just tell him what to do. Do something! Don't just lay there.

You may be a cripple. You may have had all these problems, but just do this: Rise, take up your bed, and walk. You'll be all right when you get home - IF you do what I said to do.

Such an easy word - but, can this man do it? He's like so many. Until now, he couldn't bring himself about to do it because he didn't realize in his heart to know, *If I just believe - it will happen. If I just believe.*

This man had been laying around there a long time. There was one thing he really knew how to do - lay there. After all, he'd been doing that for 38 long years.

Think about those with great needs who have been trying and trying and trying, and having such a struggle.

A lot of people have problems just like you read about here in the Scriptures. They can't seem to find the answer, can't seem to find the way out. So many problems. So many troubles.

Many are in the place where the problem is their ways. If they could only get into the place where they would do what the Lord has said to do, and then watch what happens.

Wilt thou be made whole?

*Jesus saith unto him,
Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. John 5:9*

As we read on we see that this cost something. There was a price to pay. It didn't cost any money, but it did cost persecution.

The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the Sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed. John 5:10

You're trying to take my miracle away by telling me I can't carry my bed on the Sabbath day!

There's always someone to tell you that you can't. But you've got to get on the other side, and believe what the Lord has said.

He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk. John 5:12

I think I know who said that; Jesus had said that. But the Jews were telling this man it wasn't lawful to take up his bed, and walk.

Jesus thought it was lawful. He told a lot of people to rise up and walk. And it sure brought a lot of persecution His way. It caused the scribes and Pharisees to seek to kill Him!

Why? Because He did good on the Sabbath. They honored the Sabbath day with such fervency, while doing so many things that day, themselves.

The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? Luke 13:15

Just think of that, now. On the Sabbath day they fed and watered their livestock; and yet, they persecuted Jesus for healing on that day.

They were always in that negative corner. They never seemed to want to believe what they saw. They couldn't live without those old traditions they were embracing.

Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk? And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place. John 5:12,13

We get into situations where we can get troubled so easily, and then miss getting into that place where we hold our faith.

We've got to hold our faith. We can't let things get us down. We can't get to the place where our faith no longer works because we cease to stand in that place of wanting it to work, and we cease learning to put it to work.

We need to learn that we can reach out and touch God very easily. Recognize God has made the way for us, preparing for us to reach out in faith believing.

Let's let God really do as He said He would do. Yes, let's believe His promises.

I trust this message has stirred your faith, and has brought it to life in your heart - to where you will begin anew to take hold of the Word of God.

God has given you faith

use it!

God is not a man,
that He should lie;
neither the son of man,
that He should repent:
hath He said,
and shall He not do it?
or hath He spoken,
and shall He not make it good?

Numbers 23:19

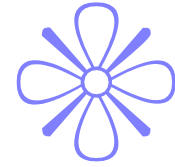
God would have to repent only if He said He would do it - and then didn't. But God does it every time faith is placed in His Word.

[Yes, God is faithful to keep His Word.](#)

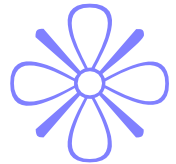
Maybe there are times when you don't get keep your word. But it's not that way with God. How faithful and true He is.

Keep His Way

Wait on the Lord,
and keep His way,
For His way is not our way.

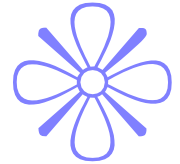


Troubles and trials will come,
Let them not get you down



Draw near to the Lord, and pray
Ye need not err nor go astray

Tho fear and doubt may come
It is by faith we overcome



By God's power we conquer and defeat.
Every fear and obstacle that we meet

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