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FAITH IN ACTION

As we studied faith last night in our Spirit of Life Ministries Ministry School, true biblical faith requires that we act upon that which we believe. Matthew 13:22-36 gives us two great examples of faith in action.

The part of this passage on which we typically focus is when Peter left the boat and walked to Jesus on the stormy water. When Jesus said “come” to him, he did not hesitate. He left the boat and jumped into the water. He had faith that Jesus meant it when he said “come”, so he acted in faith. Even with the momentary lapse of faith, he recovered and walked again on water back to the boat.

However, there is another remarkable case of faith in action in this passage that gets overlooked so much that I have never heard a preacher speak of it. Remember, when the woman with an issue of blood pressed through a crowd in faith to touch the hem of Jesus’ garment? If she had not taken such bold action, she would never have been healed. The story is so well known that we tend to think this was the only time anyone was healed by the touch of Jesus’ garment. That would be a misperception.

When Peter, Jesus, and the others came to land after the storm, people from all over the Gennesaret area met him. They brought all the diseased people to Jesus to be healed. Faith was present, but it had to be put into action. They asked Jesus if they could touch the hem of his garment. He allowed them to do that. Then everyone that touched the hem of his garment was healed.

Yes, it was an unusual act of faith, but without that action no one would have been healed. By faith, they had believed healing was theirs, but they had to put it into action and “do something.”

First, they had to “say it,” then they had to “do it” (act upon it). If you truly have faith for something, you will speak it (say it) as though you already have it because in the spirit realm it is already done. Then you must act as though you have it (do it), and only then will you receive it. Then one must testify of what has happened by telling others what God has done.

The four steps to faith are:

1. Say it (speak it)
2. Do it (act upon what you say)
3. Receive it (act as if you already have it)
4. Tell it (testify as to what you have received)

If you would like the full lesson on these four steps, then [click here](#) for May 14’s Bible School lesson. It will change your prayer life. It will bring results. You too can then “touch the hem of Jesus’ garment” also.