

MISCONCEPTION "GREAT FAITH?"



WHAT GREAT FAITH IS NOT



WHAT GREAT FAITH IS NOT about HOW MANY TIMES YOU PRAY



WHAT GREAT FAITH IS NOT about HOW FAST YOU PRAY



Psalm 145:8

"The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, **Slow** to anger and great in mercy."

2 Peter 3:9

"The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance."



WHAT GREAT FAITH IS NOT about HOW LONG OR HOW LOUD YOU PRAY



WHAT GREAT FAITH IS NOT about HOW ACTIVE YOU ARE IN CHURCH



WHAT GREAT FAITH IS NOT about HOW MUCH YOU SUFFERED FOR GOD





The Great Faith of a Centurion

Matthew 8:5-10,13

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented.", And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."



Matthew 8:5-10,13

10 When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!

13 Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.



The Great Faith of a Canaanite Woman

Matthew 15:21-28

"And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. "And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." "But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us."



Matthew 15:21-28

He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me."

"And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." "She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.



THE GREAT FAITH OF THE HEBREW BELIEVERS



Hebrews 10:32-34

32 But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, 33 sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. 34 For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one.

How to maintain Great Faith When Pressures Against You Are Mounting On Every Side?

#I DO NOT FORGET



Hebrews 10:32-34 NLT

³²**Think back** on those early days when you first learned about Christ. **Remember** how you remained faithful even though it meant terrible suffering.

³²Sometimes you were exposed to public ridicule and were beaten, and sometimes you helped others who were suffering the same things.

"You suffered along with those who were thrown into jail, and when all you owned was taken from you, you accepted it with joy. You knew there were better things waiting for you that will last forever.

#2 DO NOTTHROW AWAY



Hebrews 10:35 ESV

³⁵Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.

NLT

So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you!

Hebrews 10:36-37 NLT

Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised.

"For in just a little while, the Coming One will come and not delay.

#3 DO NOT SHRINK BACK



Hebrews 10:38-39

"but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he **shrinks back**, my soul has no pleasure in him."
"But **we are not of those who shrink back** and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.



FLORENCE CHADWICK AGAINST THE FOG



How to maintain Great Faith During The Mundane Routines of life.