

Necessary Faith

As the saying goes, "Faith doesn't stand around with its hands in its pockets." The Bible tells us that without faith it is impossible to please God. It also tells us that God is "a rewarder of them that **diligently** seek him" (Hebrews 11:6). The word "diligent" tells us there is some work involved. In Mark 2:1-12 we can read where Jesus rewarded the faith of four men who came to Him for help. Fill in the lines in the box below with the words found on the shapes in the top box. The story you find will help you to know that faith in action brings results.

OF A PARALYZED
A HOUSE
THE ROOF
FEET OF JESUS.
FOUR FRIENDS
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"Jesus saw their _____
and He healed their friend!" (Mark 2:5),

Remember that FAITH + ACTION = RESULTS.

Read Mark 2:1-12 and answer the following questions.

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1. Where was Jesus preaching? (verses 1-2)

2. Who tried to come to Jesus? (verse 3)

3. How did they get past the crowd? (verse 4)

4. What did Jesus see? (verse 5) _____
What did Jesus say? (verse 5) _____
5. What did the religious men think (verses 6-7) _____
6. How do you think Jesus knew what they were thinking? (verses 8-9) _____

7. What did Jesus prove to them? (verses 10-11) _____

8. What did the sick man do? (verse 12) _____
How did the people react? (verse 12) _____
9. Why do you think Jesus healed this man? _____
10. Who showed the most faith? _____
11. What does it mean to "have faith"? _____
12. Does God still look for faith in people today? _____
13. Why is it important to have faith? _____

Write one way you can show faith in God . . .

at school _____

at home _____

at church _____

What Does It Take?

Faith is a necessary part to receiving anything from God. But what is faith? God's Word tells us that "faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). It is believing God even though you may not feel or see anything that would give you hope. The following scenario expresses the heart of faith.

Scenario: You have to be home at 4:00 p.m. to answer an important phone call. School just let out, but you know that if you take your usual transportation home, the city bus, you will not be there in time. You ask your friend, who drove a car to school, for a lift. "No problem," he says, and he gets into his car and starts the engine. You have faith in your friend that he will give you a ride. Does this alone get you home? Of course not; you must get into the car too.

Please read Hebrews 11:6 and Mark 2:1-12. What action of faith were indicated in these Scriptures?

Read James 2:17-20. If we are seeking an answer from God for some particular question, what are some things we can do?

After we have done everything we know to do, what next? Can you share with the class an instance when God rewarded your faith in Him by answering prayer?

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Text: Mark 2:1-12; Hebrews 11:6

Key Verse: Hebrews 11:1



1 Tell in your own words what *faith* means.

2 In our text, others helped a man to Jesus. What action does that suggest we should take in our day?

3 If Jesus came to Portland today, what needs would you want to take to Him?

4 How much faith do we need to get results from God? See Matthew 17:20.

5 How can we increase our faith? See Romans 10:17.