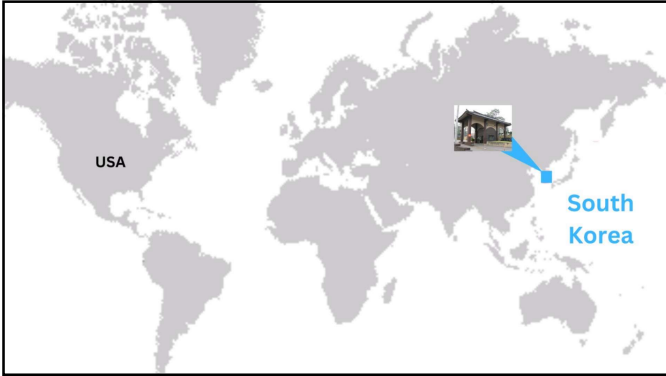


DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
 Luke 7:1-10

1. What is faith?
2. Why was Jesus surprised by the centurion's faith? To Jesus, how did the centurion's faith differ from others in Israel?
3. Why would Jesus help someone who was not a Jew? How should Jesus's actions inform how we treat outsiders?
4. Have you experienced a time you trusted Jesus with the same certainty as the centurion? How did you come to gain that level of trust?



WHAT IS FAITH?

— Now faith is the assurance (**title deed, confirmation**) of things hoped for (**divinely guaranteed**), and the evidence of things not seen [**the conviction of their reality—faith comprehends as fact what cannot be experienced by the physical senses**].

— Hebrews 11:1 (AMP)

How do I grow my faith?
Luke 7:1-10

1 Our faith grows when we put in the work usually through life's adversity.

Luke 7:1-3; James 1:1-4, 2:14-25

James 1:1-8 (NIV)

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings!

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds,

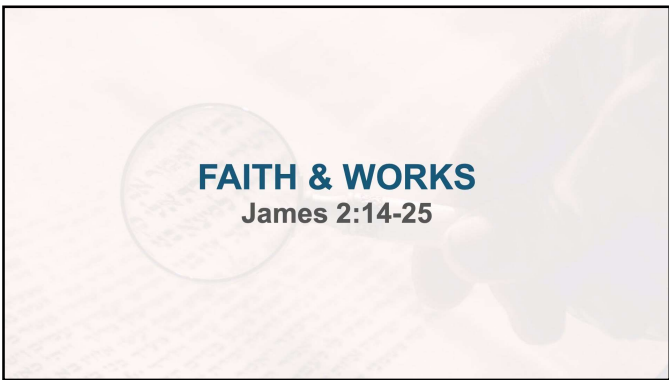
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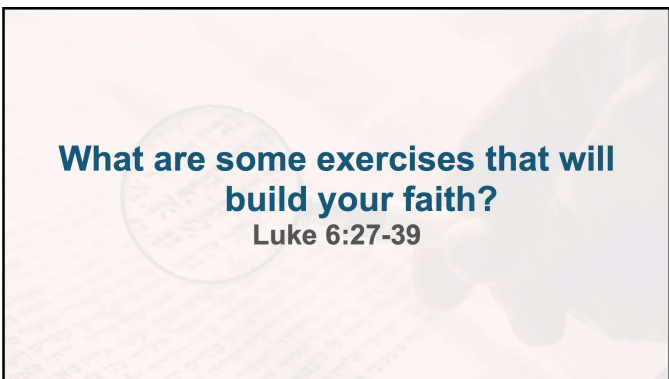
James 1:1-8 (NIV)

3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. **4** Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Gaining Greater Faith







Luke 6:27-31 (NIV)

“But to you who are listening I say: (1) Love your enemies, (2) do good to those who hate you, (3) bless those who curse you, (4) pray for those who mistreat you. (5) If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also.

Examples of Jesus Fruit

Luke 6:27-31 (NIV)

(6) If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. (7) Give to everyone who asks you, and (8) if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. (9) Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Exercises to Build Faith

Luke 6:37-38 (NIV)

(10) “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. (11) Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. (12) Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give (#7-repeated), and it will be given to you.”

Exercises to Build Faith

2 Our faith grows when we believe Jesus answers prayers.

Luke 7:3, 6; James 1:5-8

James 1:5-8 (NIV)

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. 6 But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

Gaining Greater Faith

James 1:5-8 (NIV)

7 That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. 8 Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

Gaining Greater Faith

3 Our faith grows when we understand who we are.

Luke 7:6-7a

4 Our faith grows when we understand Jesus authority and position.

Luke 7:7b-9



Understanding God's mind, system, thinking, and worldview, is the **KEY** to unlocking **GREAT** faith.

Luke 7:8-9

5 Our faith grows when we keep a record of God's faithfulness.

Luke 7:10; Hebrews 11

HALL OF FAITH
Hebrews 11

ACTION ITEM

- 1) In the next 24-48 hours, write down a time you had faith and God demonstrated his faithfulness to you by showing up (testimony).
- 2) Then share it with someone.

The
Words
of Jesus
