

Sermon Application Study

January 18, 2026

Target Passage → Luke 17:5-6

1. How does Jesus' response to the apostles' request correct their understanding of faith?
2. Why would tiny faith have such a powerful effect? What is Jesus saying about faith?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 12:8-10. Why can't a faithful man like Paul get rid of this thorn in his flesh? Did he lack the required amount of faith? Explain.
4. Read James 1:2-4. According to James, how do hardships function in the life of the believer? How do you reconcile this with Jesus' words about faith?
5. Is Jesus giving us permission and the ability to command miracles and carry out our will? Why or why not?

Bridge Passages (for further study) → 2 Corinthians 12:8-10, James 1:2-4

For Me →

1. Have you acted in faith and seen God work in powerful ways? If so, describe this.
2. Do you ever struggle with the truth that, while God does work powerfully when you act in faith, you don't always see the results you want? Explain.

PRAYER FOCUS

Ask the Lord to give you full trust in his sovereign power. Pray boldly for the God to work in ways that glorify him and expand his kingdom.

For the Mission →

How would you respond to the person who says the reason you're poor, or sick, or suffering in any way, is because you don't have enough faith to move God to give you what you want?