

Do You Believe...

Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith it will be done."

Matthew 9:29

Matthew tells a story of two blind men pursuing Jesus because of their desire to be healed. They kept calling out for Jesus to have mercy on them as He was walking along the roadway. As Jesus went indoors the men followed him and Matthew tells us that Jesus said, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" And they answered this, "Yes Lord."

I think that there are a lot of people that believe that Jesus is able to heal or make something beautiful come from a trial. But if you catch this little exchange between Jesus and these two men, Jesus was directly confronting their personal faith. He wanted to know if they believed that He would do this for them. I wonder, do we have a "Yes Lord" in our heart? We may be asking the Lord for things, but is there a pursuit of God for this thing until He turns to us and puts a demand on our faith, "Do you really believe that I am able to do this for you?" It's a personal thing between you and Jesus. Do you believe He is who He says He is for you?

I love what Oswald Chambers says, "God will do the absolutely impossible. But you have to come to the place where you believe Him to be the Almighty. Faith is not what Jesus says about Himself; if we only look at what He says we will never believe. When once we see Jesus, He does the impossible thing as naturally as breathing." (My Utmost for His Highest, Feb 29th)

The demand on our faith is to have a direct revelation of Jesus himself. These blind men followed Jesus off the street and into a house where they met with Him personally. Many people follow Jesus for what He can do but there is a difference in the follower who truly finds Him. The one who finds Jesus is the one who will believe for greater things because they know the One in whom they have believed. When Jesus is revealed in a new way the Spirit puts a "Yes Lord" in our hearts.

Jesus will not be tempted by men to do things for men according to their demands. Jesus will put that demand right back on the laps of those who follow Him. His demand is on our faith. Do we believe in Him? Is He, to you, who He says He is? Do we know Him as lover, deliverer, healer and Lord? Do you long to hear the words, "According to your faith it will be done?" Once we have seen Jesus, He does the impossible as naturally as breathing.