

Jan. 25, '09 F is for Faith Heb. 11:1; James 1:19; Mark 7:24-34; Matt. 8:5-13
The greatest problem in the world was separation from God. Calvary was the solution; Jesus filled that gap. If He can solve that problem, He can solve any thing that we will every face. He can strengthen, under gird, clothe us with power from on high and equip us to see the victory. We need to engage our children in worship, let then see us worship so they will know that it is a normal thing to do. Prov. 22:6.

The ancients were commended for their faith. Do you have bookends for your faith? Where would we be without our faith? We need to be built up in our most holy faith Jude 1:20/

Touching the past and embracing the future, there needs to be a connection, a gap filler. F is for faith. Jesus examined people's faith. He brought frank and often public critique to His followers. Matt. 6:30; 8:26; 14:31; 16:8. he classified people: great faith, little faith, or faithless.

Luke 7:1-10 Jesus was taken aback by the centurion's level of faith. Do you think God has ever been surprised at your level of faith? What a great aspiration, for us to live above the accepted level of faith, to try to astound Him with our faith. Healing services have their place, but all God needs is for someone to stand in the gap. We should be inspired by this great yet 'simple' faith; this level of trust from an outsider. Mark 7: 24-34. Have you ever felt that God is ignoring you? sometimes we think God will answer our requests based on the level of our spirituality. Great faith is no respecter of persons. Young, old, rich or poor doesn't enter the equation. Romans 12:3b. Faith involves attitude. Do you have great faith? Would you like to? Check your attitude. Both people exhibited a humble spirit. They had complete confidence (faith) in Jesus. Jesus rewarded the woman's quick response. (v. 29)

We need to respond well to the love of God. she searched Him out and begged Him. She pressed in. we need to press in. humble spirit+ complete confidence+ great faith. Faith involves action. we need to lead by hearing (James 1:19) the grafe we want on this exam is an F. Faithful spells success in God's economy. We need to be our own CEO's. Confidently Expecting Opportunities (situations and circumstances) to exercise our faith. We must first Know God with our heart (C); love for Him (A); Love others (R); Bear fruit (E). new wine in 2009 means change. Is He calling for a change in our attitudes, of our worship?