

BELIEVING IS SEEING

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Believing Into Life, Part 14

BIG IDEA: You can trust Jesus with your most impossible situations (because he doesn't even have to be there to powerfully intervene!) His word is enough!

⁴³ After the two days he left for Galilee. ⁴⁴ (Now Jesus himself had pointed out that a prophet has no honor in his own country.) ⁴⁵ When he arrived in Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him. They had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, for they also had been there.

⁴⁶ Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. ⁴⁷ When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death.

1. Let your impossible situations DRIVE YOU TO Jesus.

"We have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you." **2 Chronicles 20:12** (Jn. 14:1)

⁴⁸ "Unless you people see signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "you will never believe."

⁴⁹ The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies."

⁵⁰ "Go," Jesus replied, "your son will live."

2. Jesus has the power, authority and willingness to speak the healing, invade the impossible situation... without even being there! You can—you should—trust him.

What do you believe about Jesus?

"Peace, be still."... "Who is this that even the wind and waves obey him?" **Matthew 8:27**

The man took Jesus at his word and departed.

3. Know Jesus, listen to him, BELIEVE what he says, and ACT on that belief.

"Faith without works is dead" **James 2:26**

⁵¹ While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. ⁵² When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, "Yesterday, at one in the afternoon, the fever left him."

Miracles follow Jesus! Faith connects you to the miraculous Jesus!

⁵³ Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he and his whole household believed. ⁵⁴ This was the second sign Jesus performed after coming from Judea to Galilee. **John 4:43-54**