

“LITTLE FAITH”

On four occasions, Jesus criticized His disciples for their “*little faith*.” From these instances, let us learn to have greater faith.

I. LITTLE FAITH GETS WORRIED

A. **Matthew 6:25-34**

One who frets about life’s necessities lacks sufficient faith in God to provide. As long as we do our diligence and trust in Him, He will provide. We don’t always know how until it happens, but He gives us what we need.

B. **Acts 14:17; Psalm 37:25**

Even to unbelievers, Paul preached God’s providence as evidence of His existence! And David confirmed that the righteous don’t go hungry.

C. **Philippians 4:6-7; 1st Peter 5:6-7**

Anxiety never brings peace. Grateful requests offered in prayer do, though.

D. **Matthew 13:22**

Cares of this world cause us to become unfruitful.

II. LITTLE FAITH IS AFRAID OF DEATH

A. **Matthew 8:23-27**

The Master of creation and sustainer of all life was taking a nap, but His mates aboard the boat feared for theirs. He told them not to.

B. **Matthew 10:28**

It’s not death that merits fear, but being unprepared for what comes next: judgment.

C. **Philippians 1:21; 2nd Corinthians 5:8**

For the faithful, death is gain because it means being with Christ.

III. LITTLE FAITH GETS DISTRACTED

A. Matthew 14:22-33

Peter had the faith to ask for an invitation out onto the water and he had the faith to step out of the boat, but he became distracted when he looked at the boisterous waves, rather than at Jesus.

B. Hebrews 12:1-2

We need to set aside our burdens and set our eyes on Jesus.

C. Proverbs 4:25-27

Stay focused.

IV. LITTLE FAITH MISUNDERSTANDS SPIRITUAL MESSAGING

A. Matthew 16:5-12

A number of Jesus' miracles involved food, but the disciples still presumed a material application when he warned about leaven, which exasperated Him.

B. 1st Corinthians 2:13-16

Spiritually mature people grasp spiritual concepts. The worldly do not.

C. John 10:26-27

We prove ourselves His sheep by truly hearing His voice and responding accordingly.

CONCLUSION

A. Luke 17:5

Let's be sufficiently self-aware to ask for increase to our faith.

B. Mark 9:24

There is a certain amount of faith in asking for help with our unbelief.