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Do You Really Believe He Can?

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Have you ever prayed for something... but deep down, you weren't sure God would actually do it? You said the words. You showed up to church. You even asked others to pray. But underneath it all, there was hesitation. Doubt. Maybe even a quiet expectation of disappointment. Not because you don't believe in God... but because you're not sure He'll come through this time.



Believe

In Matthew 9, two blind men are desperate. They've heard about Jesus. They've heard the stories. They had just heard about Jesus raising the daughter of Jairus from the dead. And now, they're crying out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" They follow Him. They persist. They refuse to be ignored. And then Jesus turns and asks them a question that cuts straight to the heart: "Do you believe that I am able to do this?"

That question wasn't about their blindness. It was about their belief. Because it's possible to be close to Jesus and still not trust Him. It's possible to cry out to Jesus and still doubt Him. It's possible to follow Jesus and still question what He can do. Jesus wasn't just asking if they wanted to be healed. He was asking if they trusted Him enough to believe He could. And their response? "Yes, Lord." There wasn't a long long speech. They didn't have perfect theology. They didn't have everything figured out in their own personal life. Just simple, raw faith.

That same question still echoes today: "Do you believe He can do this?" Do you believe He can restore what feels broken in your life? Do you believe He can heal what you've been carrying for years? Do you believe that He can provide when things don't add up? Do you believe He can move in ways you've never seen before?

Because let's be honest... It's one thing to believe Jesus can do miracles. It's another thing to believe He will move in your situation. Sometimes our faith gets shaped by disappointment. Prayers that felt unanswered. Situations that didn't change. Moments where God felt silent. And slowly, without even realizing it, our expectations shrink. We stop asking boldly. We stop believing fully. We settle for "maybe" instead of "yes, Lord."

But here's what this story reminds us: Jesus responds to faith. Not perfect faith. Not loud faith. Not impressive faith. Just genuine faith. "And according to your faith, let it be done to you." Jesus meets us right where we are, but He invites us to trust Him for more.

I pray you'll join us this weekend at Journey Community Christian Church as we unpack this question in week 2 of our series "Questions Jesus Asked." Like I said last week, we are officially on the road to Easter. We are anticipating churches everywhere to be filled to the brim on Easter Weekend. But it doesn't have to start on Easter. It can start this weekend, with this message. Join us in-person if you can. If you can't, watch us online at a distance.

Maybe the question this week isn't, "Can Jesus do it?" We already know the answer to that. Maybe the real question is this: "Do you believe He can do it for you?" And what would change in your life if your answer became, "Yes, Lord."