

I. Jesus’ response to faith

A. Great faith honors and pleases God

“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.” (Hebrews 11:6)

B. Great faith focuses on God

“For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you.” (2 Chronicles 20:12)

C. Great faith recognizes God’s power

“You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you.” (2 Chronicles 20:6)

D. Great faith recognizes God’s authority

E. Great faith asks God to do the impossible

“I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘move from here to there’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.” (Matthew 17:20)

F. Great faith believes God will do the impossible

“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1)

G. Great faith appeals to the grace and mercy of God

H. Great faith sees miracles done

II. Jesus’ response to despair

A. Jesus saw the woman’s great despair

B. Jesus was touched by the woman’s need

C. Jesus spoke words of comfort

D. Jesus put his compassion into action

“The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.” (James 5:11)

E. Jesus raised the son back to life

“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live even though he dies.” (John 11:25)

F. Jesus gave the woman her son back

G. Jesus brought praise to God

“You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples.” (Psalm 77:14)