

## Answered Prayer And Faith

The cause of spiritual paralysis is not failure it's DOUBT.

### Doubt Damages ...

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*But let him ask and trust, doubting nothing; for the doubter is like a wave in the sea being tossed and driven by the wind. Indeed, that person should not think that he will receive anything from the Lord. **James 1:6-7***

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*He returned to Nazareth, his home town. When he taught there in the synagogue, everyone was amazed and said, 'Where does he get this wisdom and the power to do miracles?' Then they scoffed, 'He's just the carpenter's son, and we know Mary, his mother and his brothers - James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas. All his sisters live right here among us. Where did he learn all these things? And they were deeply offended and refused to believe in him. Then Jesus told them, 'A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his own family. And so he did only a few miracles there because of their unbelief. **Matthew 13:54-58***

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*And just as they were telling about it, Jesus himself was suddenly standing there among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. But the whole group was startled and frightened, thinking they were seeing a ghost! 'Why are you frightened?' he asked. 'Why are your hearts filled with doubt?' **Luke 24:36-38***

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### Doubt Dissolves When ...

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*When Jesus had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, 'Do you believe that I am able to do this?' 'Yes, Lord,' they replied. Then he touched their eyes and said, 'According to your faith let it be done to you'; and their sight was restored. **Mark 9:28-30***

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine... **Ephesians 3:20***

God do for me according to my faith and God increase my faith!

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*No one is good except God alone. **Mark 10:18***

*The Father ... who does not change. **James 1:17***

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- God loves me enough that He created me

*For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. **Psalm 139:13***

- God loves me enough that He died for my sins

*For what I received I pass onto you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures. **1 Corinthians 15:3***

- God loves me enough that He wrote me His love letter

*But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. **John 20:31***

- God loves me enough that He has prepared a home for me in heaven

*I am going to prepare a place for you. When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. **John 14:2-3***

- God loves me enough that He searches for me when I am far from Him

*If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others and go search for the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. **Luke 15:4-5***

- God loves me enough that He calls me His own child

*And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. **Romans 8:17***

It's not who you are that holds you back in life  
It's who you think you're not

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*The disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. About 3 o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on water. When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear they cried out, 'It's a ghost!' But Jesus spoke to them at once, 'Don't be afraid,' he said. 'Take courage. I am here!' Then Peter said, 'Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water.' 'Yes, come' Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. 'Save me, Lord!' he shouted. Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. 'You have so little faith,' Jesus said. 'Why did you doubt me?' **Matthew 14:24-31***

- The disciples are fighting the storm on their own.
- Jesus arrives and says, 'Don't be afraid!'
- Peter wants to believe
- Peter steps out on the water and he walks.
- Peter took his eyes off Jesus, looked at the storm again and began to sink.
- Peter cried out for Jesus to help him.
- Jesus helped him
- Jesus asked, 'Why did you doubt Me?'

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