

POSITIVE ACTIONS FOR NEGATIVE TIMES

Part 3 - The Faith Five

A BIBLICAL EXAMPLE OF FAITH (*Mark 2:1-5; 9-12 NKJV*)

- Recorded for a reason
 1. These stories instruct us and encourage us
 2. These five men were not named
- Two beliefs these five embraced
 1. That Jesus could heal their friend
 2. That Jesus was good
- Two beliefs vital to us today (*Hebrews 11:6 NKJV*)
 1. That God is real - He exists
 2. That God is good - He is a rewarder (*Psalms 27:13 NKJV*)

CHARACTERISTICS OF OUR FAITH

- Faith is visible
 1. Jesus saw their faith (*Mark 2:6-8 NKJV*)
 2. Faith is revealed in actions (*James 3:18 NKJV*)
- Faith helps us push past challenges that crop up
 1. The five could have seen the crowd and turned around - discouragement
 2. They could have gotten angry at the people - offense
 3. Busting through the roof was not as easy as it sounds
 4. The challenges of life are going to be there (*1 Thessalonians 3:2-3 NKJV*)
- Faith helps us overcome fears of this life
 1. The leaders of the nations were sitting in the house
 2. What would all the people trying to see Jesus think - social rejection fear
 3. What would Jesus think?
 4. As our faith in God grows our fear of men diminishes (*Isaiah 51:12-13 NKJV*)