

LEVEL UP

Part 5: Our Expressions of Faith

WE ARE ACCUSTOMED TO EXPRESSION

- A. Expression; communicating outwardly what we believe
 - 1. An outward display of an inward feeling, emotion or conviction
- B. We've been encouraged to express our feelings/emotions
 - 1. Whether good or bad
 - 2. Love is strengthened by expression
- C. Our faith is strengthened by expression ***(James 2:17 NIV)***
 - 1. A great step of growth in Christ is acting on what we believe
 - 2. When our beliefs are based on the truth of God's word it becomes powerful

A BLIND MAN'S EXPRESSION OF FAITH ***(Mark 10:46-52 NIV)***

- A. He was not in a good place before Jesus came
 - 1. Begging to survive
 - 2. But no adverse reaction to his begging
- B. When he heard it was Jesus he acted
 - 1. He began to cry out - an expression of his faith
 - 2. He must have believed that Jesus could heal him
 - 3. His expression bothered people - but it did not stop him
- C. When he knew Jesus wanted him and was not going to pass by
 - 1. He stopped yelling
 - 2. He threw his garment away - a big expression of his faith
- D. He was not embarrassed to ask big - another expression of his faith
 - 1. He must have believed Jesus was good and could grant his request
 - 2. He followed Jesus after receiving his sight - no reservations about what had been done

LEVEL UP THE EXPRESSIONS OF YOUR FAITH ***(Philippians 4:4-6 NIV)***

- A. Rejoicing in the Lord
 - 1. To express great joy
 - 2. What the Lord has done, is doing - not limited to current situations
 - 3. To be done perpetually - at all times
- B. Treating people well
 - 1. Graciousness, to be lenient - putting up with their stuff
 - 2. Acting as if the Lord is near - because He is
- C. Praying about it instead of worrying about it
 - 1. Refusing to be anxious - about things big and small
 - 2. Not being embarrassed to ask - He instructed us to ask
 - 3. Giving thanks before we see/feel an answer