



When is it hardest for you to demonstrate faith in Jesus?

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Matthew in his gospel is writing to a primarily Jewish audience. His purpose is to convince his readers that Jesus is the Messiah, the one for which they have waited. This section starts with his call by Jesus to "follow" and Matthew leaves everything to follow. The rest of Chapter 9 Matthew documents several accounts wherein Jesus demonstrates his power and authority over illness, death and the demonic world.

Read *Matthew 9:18-26*. Describe your feelings and thoughts as if you were the father, the woman, and the crowds observing these events.

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Read *Matthew 9:18-19*.

Jesus responds to \_\_\_\_\_ faith

I don't need big faith, just honest, humble faith.

How would I describe my faith today? \_\_\_\_\_

Have I ever tried to make demands on God? How did that work out for me?

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Read *Philippians 4:5-7*. How can these verses help me in my faith relationship with God?

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Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ directed faith.

Read *Matthew 9:20-22*

Where does my faith typically point me to? How has that worked for me?

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Jesus receives \_\_\_\_\_ faith.

Read *Matthew 9:27-31*.

How desperate am I to get to Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

What typically stands in my way? \_\_\_\_\_

God responds to desperate faith with compassion

Read *Lamentations 3:19-24*. How do these verses help me in my desperation I experience sometimes in my faith?

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Jesus' ministry was limited to three years on earth. He knew, he saw the greatness of the needs around, and knew they would continue.

Read *Matthew 9:38*.

Jesus commissioned his disciples to do what he was doing because of his compassion for those around.

How do I respond to being commissioned by God?

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How can running to Jesus instruct me in my faith journey?

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This week

- Into whose life can I touch with the compassion of Jesus and help them in their faith journey?