

Title – Faith! The Way to Please God



As I read through the Bible, over and over, through the years, I start to pick out detail that I have missed on earlier readings. Today, on this first week of Lent, I am looking at the people Jesus met, and the problems they had in developing their relationship with God. We are all a bit slow to pick up on what Jesus is doing and actually saying at times, and it takes the Apostles and the rest of the New Testament to fully develop Christ's teachings. What I perceive this time around, is that just keeping the Commandments, (the Jewish Law), and loving God and each other is sometimes not enough to get us through. We may well do these things and be saved, but there is another theme at work here – the theme of Faith! It's right through the Bible – both in Old and New Testaments, and this is the turbo boost we need sometimes to move forward in our walk with Jesus, and overcoming road blocks here in the world, pushing on past our limited understanding of the power of God. Christ needed more than the Law, more than the self-righteousness of just keeping the Commandments when He went to Jerusalem, and then on to the Cross to redeem mankind. What do you make of Christ's teaching about Faith? I hope you find this reflection helpful this Lent.

John

Bible Readings – Gen. Ch22: 1-14 Heb. Ch11: 1-19 Matt. Ch14: 28-33

Peter walking on Water <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zFBMwZ2QnJY>

Sermon – John McColl <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OCcO2sU3a-A>

Hymns –

- 1- Shout to the North <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aUei3JMg2uA>
- 2- When we Walk with the Lord (Trust and Obey) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KB4KcleYiWM>
- 3- Father, I Place into Your Hands <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qbLjp4-8NdY>
- 4- I'm Pressing on the Upward Way https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dqymbJ_WKc4
Or for a more relaxed time of worship - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Esc-3OmXfZg>
- 5 - My Faith Looks up to Thee <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oGKLmThF2to>



Time for Prayer – Pray this prayer, alongside Christians around the world, especially those in poorer countries who may get the vaccine last. Let us give thanks for the spread of the Good News of Jesus!

Prayer - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4d7w24403hw>

The Blessing - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M9N57DcNWu8>

Wishing you every blessing at this time and praying for our churches and for the safety of each one of us from the Pandemic.

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