



PART 5

THE MESSIAH

Increase Our Faith!

In Luke 17, the disciples are challenged in a way that goes beyond their comfort zone. These guys are often knuckleheads and it would not have been surprising if they said to Jesus, “That’s ridiculous!” But they model a much better response by saying, “Increase our faith!” If faith/trust is a foundational element in our relationships with God and others, it makes sense to ask God to help fill up our “faith tank.” This story offers two ways to do that. The first is forgiveness – the more we can forgive others, the more we can understand our own need for forgiveness and the more we can trust God’s grace. The second is humility – our pride is powerful and it inspires us to trust no one but ourselves. Living with humility increases our faith.

Scripture: [Luke 17:1-10](#)

Reflection:

Questions:

1. How do you respond when you are emotionally or spiritually “stuck”? Can you think of a specific example when you responded poorly?
2. The disciples responded by asking Jesus to “increase our faith.” How full is your faith tank right now? Are you doing well or are you in need of an increase?
3. The first way to fill up the tank is forgiveness (v3-4). How would you respond if someone wronged you, then repented, seven times in one day?
4. In your life right now, where are you having a hard time forgiving? Have you ever asked God to increase your ability to do so?
5. The second way to fill up the tank is humility (v7-10). Knowing that we greatly appreciate humility in others, why is it so hard for us to be humble ourselves?
6. Read verse 10. How is it that viewing ourselves as “unworthy servants” (ie, humility) will increase our faith?