

Luke 9:37-43 - Is our faith perverted?

- ✓ We tend to think that faith of any kind is good and would rather have dealings with people “of faith” than the alternative, but Jesus wouldn’t.
 - ✓ What is faith according to God? Faith: Believing what God said simply because He said it.
 - ✓ To believe beyond what HE has said is a perverted faith, to believe short of what He has said is a perverted faith.
 - ✓ We believe exactly what He has said no more no less.
 - ✓ This underscores the necessity to know what He has declared to us.
 - ✓ This is why it says: **Colossians 3:16**.
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1. I would suggest that a perverted faith is pretty much standard for us in our day to day living.

- ✓ We get mad at God for not doing what He never said He would do.
 - ✓ We expect God to do what He’s never promised.
 - ✓ Have you ever been held down for something that you never said you would do? It’s frustrating!
 - ✓ We can’t believe into existence things He hasn’t promised, but we can believe that He will keep His word.
 - ✓ Its perverted faith that expects something from God that He never said He would do.
 - ✓ It is also a perverted faith that fails to expect God to do **what He has explicitly said**.
 - ✓ Case in Point, **Luke 9:1**, “All” is the operative word; all includes the demon that was tormenting this boy.
 - ✓ The word had already been spoken, the promise had already been given, the will of God was clear on this, all they needed to do was believe Him for it.
 - ✓ Our world is in Satan’s grip, and he is cruel, and savage and we have no power in ourselves to stop him.
 - ✓ This is why Jesus has put Himself on record saying, “lo, I am with you always.”
 - ✓ The only thing between me and the mission God has for me is “Will I believe Him for it?”.
 - ✓ It is exactly what stopped the disciples from delivering this poor boy from this demon; they wouldn’t believe what Jesus had explicitly said.
 - ✓ They had the power, the commission, the experience—what went wrong? **Matthew 17:19-20**
 - ✓ They had to learn what we have to learn: If God has said it, believe it. If we don’t, it is a grave disappointment for Him.
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2. Faith is not optional

- ✓ All of life is a faith step; every day in every way you are operating on some level of faith in somebody.
 - ✓ We believe in creation by faith, but if we don’t and choose evolution, we will have to take it on faith as well since evolution cannot be proven.
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Luke 9: Good Faith, Part 2

- ✓ So, we either have faith in the revelation of God or the speculation of man, but faith is not optional.
 - ✓ It is not just our origins that will require our faith; everything, every day is a faith step.
 - ✓ You and I are only alive right now, tomorrow is not guaranteed, anything and everything about tomorrow is no guarantee, so every single bit of our plans for tomorrow are based on faith.
 - ✓ It's all a bet; I'm betting that it goes this way or that, some bets are safer, but it's all a bet because I have to accept tomorrow on faith.
 - ✓ **Faith is not optional but essential for living.**
 - ✓ The Question is: Faith in who? in what? in everything we have the choice of putting our faith in man's speculation.
 - ✓ Or we can put our faith in God's revelation – the things that God has revealed about life, economy, marriage, politics, business, the future, etc. in His word.
 - ✓ No matter which way we go, we are taking somebody's word on it.
 - ✓ Do you have plans for tomorrow or next year? Whose word do you have on that?
 - ✓ This is way of words of men 50/50 on the best days.
 - ✓ **James 1:5-6** – It's not just the stock market that is wavy, but also any life based on anything other than God's word, **James 1:7-8.**
 - ✓ **Galatians 2:20**, I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.
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