

Covenant Life

- Our next prayer meeting will be a week from today on July 14th at 3pm. We plan to have Children's ministry and a Formation I teaching.
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Reflection

Pondering the [Gospel](#) I was struck by the closing words *"So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith."*

Consider the scene, Mark indicates that Jesus was not able to perform mighty deeds there other than curing some sick. Jesus was traveling the countryside teaching and working miracle after miracle but holds back because of their lack of faith...

This begs the obvious question, what role does our faith play in God's ability to work in and through us? Are we living in such a way that we are preventing God from working in and through us?

I thought back to a couple events that I attended where the objective was to pray for healing. At a specific one, the leader spent a great deal of time teaching on God's power to heal, showed videos of past healings, and throughout the session brought forth testimony after testimony as God moved and people were healed. The results were clearly visible, and I witnessed many more healings than past similar events. That experience proved for me that our faith truly is a significant ingredient in God's ability to work in and through us.

The woman who reached out and touched Jesus' garment and was immediately healed, even without a word from Jesus, is further proof of the power of and essential role of faith.

If faith is so important for God to work in and through us, what holds our faith back? Maybe the biggest reason is our lack of intimacy with God. How can we have faith in someone we are not close to? The closer we get to God, the more we have an intimate personal relationship with Him. The more we count on Him, the more we will know His heart and will, the more we will be able to conform our lives to His

and grow our faith. As we see Him in action, we will be able to anticipate what He is about and adjust our path to correspond to what He is doing. I heard once that the reason God worked so many miracles through St. Francis of Assisi was that St. Francis was so close to our Lord that when he would ask for a miracle, it was granted because St. Francis was asking for what God already wanted to happen. Wouldn't that be amazing if we were so close to God that we felt His heart, we were in tune with His desires, we sensed His mind and asked Him, not for something that we wanted, but for something that God already wanted to happen and was just waiting for us to ask?

My prayer for us as a community and each of us individually, is that we will continue each day to seek the Lord with all our hearts, that we will strive to be so close to Him that we can almost anticipate what He wants us to say, what He wants us to do. That we will love Him and love one another with all our hearts, minds, souls, and strength. It is then that we can live each day with the confident assurance that builds faith and ensures that we never hinder God's providence at work in and through us. Come Holy Spirit...make it so!

Let us pray, "Heavenly Father, I so desire to know You. My desire is to develop an intimate relationship with You. I believe...help my unbelief. Each time I come before You, speak to me, reveal Yourself to me. Help me be able to be attentive to Your promptings so that I can cooperate with what you are about. Use me to accomplish Your perfect will. I want to be used by You. I want my faith to open the doors for You to accomplish all that You intend to happen in and through me. I love You and recommit my life to You! Amen"

God Bless,

David