

UPNORTH *with Jesus*

Crossing the Border
Matthew 15:21-28

Stretching your faith

1. The fact that Jesus isn't responding doesn't mean He's not listening.
2. Faith is found as much in the asking as it is in the believing.
3. Delays and denials are not meant to discourage your faith, but rather to develop it.
4. Our hope rests on God's grace and not our (un)worthiness.
5. What seems to be a huge need to you, may only be a crumb to Him.
6. Faith seems to be transferable.
7. We have to value trust over understanding.

GROWTH *guide*

For those who are passionate about their faith!

Much of what Jesus taught about faith was in reaction to the faith that he saw (or didn't see) demonstrated by people. How would he describe your faith if you were facing similar situations:

Monday | **Matthew 8:5-13**

How did the centurion's comments show faith? What about them amazed Jesus? How much confidence do you put in the words of God? How would Jesus rate your faith?

Tuesday | **Matthew 8:23-27**

This time it's the disciples' turn to be amazed—by what? What is the evidence of little faith? What storms in your life have you feeling panicked or disheartened? How can you show faith?

Wednesday | **Matthew 9:1-8**

Why do you think Jesus offered him forgiveness vs. healing? To whose faith did Jesus respond? How has your faith brought about blessing in another person's life?

Thursday | **Matthew 9:18-26**

When was this woman healed—before or after Jesus spoke to her? So what does this tell you about how faith works? What are your expectations of Jesus? Are they too low?

Friday | **Matthew 16:5-12**

Why did Jesus say they had little faith? How could the feeding of the masses have had such little effect on their faith? Where have you experienced God's working? How has it impacted your faith?

Sunday preview | **Matthew 16:13-20**

How did the crowd's opinion of who Jesus was differ from the disciples'—as stated by Peter? In your opinion, who is Jesus? And what difference does your answer make in your life?