

# Believing with the Heart

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## ***We are internally governed by our beliefs/values***

### Discover your limits

- If you think you can, or that you can't, you are right
  - What can you think? What can you see?

### The Gate Keeper

- A MAJOR FACTOR STOPPING US FROM EXPERIENCING THE MIRACULOUS IS ITS SIMPLICITY
- As man thinks (gate) in his heart, so is he (Pro.23:7)
- *It is not what people say or want, but what they believe that determines their behavior and their results*

## ***We Walk by Faith***

### Mk.9:23 – ALL THINGS are possible to him who believes

- Believes = (pisteuo) have faith, believe
  - Your results (+ and -ve) always are the results of your faith, what you believe
  - We all believe something, we all have “faith”
    - What kind of faith do you have?
    - What do you really believe?
  - **ANYBODY ELSE CAN SEE IT FROM YOUR ACTIONS AND RESULTS**
- We could say that “We all walk by faith”, but it is not the “Faith of God”

### Active faith

- Mk.11:22-26 – Have the Faith of God (not in God) (Fig tree cursed = it took some time)
  - Believe the way God does – In a creative, active way – not in a passive way
  - It is possible and it does not involve any physical work
- According to your faith – Mt.9:29-30 (Healing of the two blind men)
- **CHILDREN CAN DO IT AND RECEIVE MIRACLES**
  - Children have imagination (can see it), not analysis (dissect it)
  - **MIRACLES DO NOT NEED TO BE EXPLAINED**, they need to be believed

## ***BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU BELIEVE***

### Judging: Mind vs. Heart

- Believing is not an intellectual or mental thing. It happens in the heart,
  - It affects the way we perceive things and the way we feel
  - What is it easier for you to see?
- Ask yourself what is working
  - Examples: ask the right questions = what is the spiritual impact of this decision?
    - in finding a new job don't say God wants me to prosper
    - In finding a husband/wife don't say God wants me to marry, or he/she will come to the Lord

### The Power of a Story

- Mt.13:10-18 – After parable of the sower
  - Understand = put together
  - Seeing = looking

- Perceive = Gr. eido = to see, sometimes translated to know
- The operation of the gate keeper – Heart grown dull. You just see what you are programmed to see
- **PARABLES ARE MORE POWERFUL THAN EXPLANATIONS**
  - Even children can get something from them
  - We want to interpret and explain parables with our mind
    - But, as soon as you explain them, you lose something
    - The explanation satisfies our mind, but limits the impact
  - The more you know, the more you see v.12

## **SOME RELIGIOUS BELIEFS ARE A HINDRANCE TO RECEIVE MIRACLES**

- You don't need to be perfect to receive a miracle
- The opposite is the truth: **YOU MUST RECEIVE A MIRACLE TO CLEAN UP YOUR LIFE**

### **Questions to Consider**

1. Why do our will and our beliefs often not agree?
2. How can you find out what you really believe?
3. How do you get the faith of God?
4. Can you explain the difference between active and passive faith?
5. In what way are parables more powerful than explanations?
6. Can you identify some beliefs you have that hinder you from experiencing miracles?