

WHAT IS DISPLACED FAITH?

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Matthew 15:8-9

Displaced faith is when you believe in the resource **MORE** than the source. When you depend on the creation **MORE** than the creator your faith is displaced. When you depend on your abilities **MORE** than wisdom your faith is displaced.

Displaced faith does not mean you lack faith, it means your faith is redirected in the wrong direction. When your faith is misdirected your life will be misdirected. The way you think, behave, speak, live and perceive will be impacted.

HERE'S WHAT I MEAN

- People who put more faith in their job than the Kingdom of God will put more effort in pleasing their boss than studying the Kingdom of God.
- People who put more faith in their intelligence than God's wisdom will listen to the counsel of historians while belittling the advice of the Holy Spirit.

Wherever your faith lies, your life will follow. Whatever you pursue is indicative of what you believe. People do not pursue what they do not believe. They do not pursue what is not important. They do not pursue what is irrelevant. They pursue what has **PRIORITY** and **VALUE** to them.

YOU CANNOT FOOL GOD

God knows where your faith is. You can praise God with your mouth. However, if your actions are far from Him your faith is displaced.

Mathew 15:8-9 says, "These people show honor to me with words, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is worthless. The things they teach are nothing but human rules."

James 2:14 says, "My brothers and sisters, if people say they have faith, but do nothing, their faith is worth nothing. Can faith like that save them?"

Where your faith flows your action goes! The scriptures above teaches us how faith is seen. When God sees that your faith is displaced He will allow you to reap the consequences of your decision.

For instance, if your faith is in your job the Lord will allow your job to disappoint you. If you put your faith in your abilities the Lord will allow your abilities to limit your progress. Whatever you put your faith in is **RESPONSIBLE** for caring and keeping you.

This is why the Lord commands and encourages us to put our faith in Him. When you put your faith in God you

make Him responsible and obligated to care for you. The Lord wants this responsibility. Your job does not want to take care of you. Your body is not equipped to care for you long term and your intellect is not capable to serving you indefinitely.

**WHEN YOUR FAITH IS DISPLACED YOU
WILL BE OUT OF PLACE.**

KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE MAIN THING

Do not let success keep you reliant on resources. Do not let public applause keep you reliant on ancillary services. Do not let the praise of people keep you dependent on things.

Keep your eyes on the main thing. Your faith should only be in the Lord for through Him you will receive **ALL** you need. Putting your faith in anything else will cause you to inherit disappointment, hardship and trouble.

HERE ARE THREE WAYS TO PUT YOUR FAITH IN GOD

1. **TRUST** the Lord's voice when you cannot trace His steps.
2. **FOLLOW** His plan when you cannot understand the blueprint.
3. **SERVE** the Lord with all your heart even though people may not serve you.

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