

## Living Faith

*Matthew 17:14-23; 18:1-14*

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Human thoughts and activities can get in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the successful walk of faith. Jesus taught that the subject of living by faith is \_\_\_\_\_ dependent on what we \_\_\_\_\_ or do, but rather by living in a harmonious \_\_\_\_\_ with Him. A similar thought is recorded in Isaiah 55:6-9.

### A. The Demon-Possessed Boy

1. The \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. The disciples had experienced \_\_\_\_\_ power before.
  - b. It followed Peter's \_\_\_\_\_ of faith.
  - c. It followed the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. An out-of-human-control \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. The spiritual " \_\_\_\_\_ " did not work.
3. Two \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. To the faithless and \_\_\_\_\_ generation
  - b. To the \_\_\_\_\_
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ for their failure
  - a. Unbelief ( \_\_\_\_\_ faith)
    - (1). Not being \_\_\_\_\_ with the will of God
    - (2). Illustrated by the grain of \_\_\_\_\_ seed
  - b. A living faith \_\_\_\_\_ seeks to do anything without first having discerned that it is the will of God, and then \_\_\_\_\_ up with that will.
    - (1). The principle of \_\_\_\_\_ must be understood.

- (2). \_\_\_\_\_ must come first – submissive to His will, and not seeking anything out of \_\_\_\_\_ with it.

### B. A Lost Sheep

1. The context
  - a. The quest for \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. The positioning for \_\_\_\_\_ (self-seeking and pride)
2. The illustration of \_\_\_\_\_ children
  - a. Jesus showed their \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. The Father is not willing that \_\_\_\_\_ should perish. (vs. 14)
  - b. Be \_\_\_\_\_ – an active and voluntary turning from sin
  - c. Humbling ourselves is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The shepherd is seeking \_\_\_\_\_ person.
  - a. The one who is \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Because of \_\_\_\_\_ love
  - c. He \_\_\_\_\_ when each one is rescued!