



Faith that makes a Difference

John 4:43-54

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1. Faith that is directed to the correct object. (46-47)

2. Faith that withstands testing. (48-50)

3. Faith that leads to action. (50-52)

4. Faith that grows in response to grace. (53)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Faith that makes in your life is faith directed toward the correct object— Jesus Christ. The royal official, like ourselves, had a number of options for where to place his trust at that crucial time. He came to Jesus. Are there areas of your life in which you are not actively trusting God? Do you sometimes wait until other resources are exhausted before coming to Jesus?

Tuesday. Faith that makes a difference in your life is faith that withstands testing. Review 4:46-50, noting how the official's faith was tested and how he persisted. Note the benefits of your faith being tested described in Romans 5:3-5 and James 1:2-4.

Wednesday. Faith that makes a difference in your life leads to action. Read 4:50-52 which describes the official's action based on his faith. Failure to act in line with faith is not real faith at all. That action can relate to our own situation, as with the official, or the situation of others (see James 2:14-26). Ask God to help you recognize any and all areas of *passive faith*, and to grow in active, bold, obedient faith.

Thursday. Faith that makes a difference in your life is faith that grows in response to grace. Note the brief but pointed description of this in the official in 4:53. Your focus plays a big role in your growth. Check for signs of focusing on what you don't have rather than what you have, on what you want rather than what you have been given. List evidences of God's grace to you in the last days. Use them as *faith builders* for today.

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look at *Confrontation and Controversy* from 5:1-18. Read that passage in preparation for our time together.