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Or, what pay-off does it give in the end?

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The culture in which you live.

Faith

Example:

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You can have faith in...

Money.

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How important you think you are.

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Your pleasure and well-being.

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Or a myriad of other passing fancies.

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Or surf the internet.

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Let's look at these.

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Matthew 8:26

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But they didn't

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How about you?

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Where are you in your faith journey?

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Want a few more?

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Two blind men calling out to Jesus:

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And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them,

“Do you believe that I am able to do this?”

They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.”

Then He touched their eyes, saying,

“According to your faith let it be to you.”

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The woman with the issue of blood:

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But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, “Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well.”

And the woman was made well from that hour.

Matthew 9:22

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And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

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Can your faith survive the coming darkness?

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And where you want to go from here?

Announcements

Tuesday: Tuesday Night Bible Study – 7:00pm

“The Chosen – Episodes 3 and 4”

The movie will begin at 7:15 sharp.

Wednesday: **No Men's Discipleship** – 7:30pm

Saturday: Ladies Prayer Group – 9:30am

Announcements

Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 8th from 3:00pm to 5:00pm

We will meet at the Belaire Nursing Home and begin caroling at 3:00pm and then go to the Country Time Nursing Home and begin caroling at 4:10pm.

Then we will return to the church for supper.

Announcements

Belaire Nursing Home
2065 Lyon Street
Gastonia, NC

Country Time Nursing Home
602 Brevard Road
Kings Mountain, NC

Contact Rebecca at 704-830-8630 for questions.

Announcements

Adult Christmas Party

Sunday, December 15th at the Pendergrass barn.

Arrive at 5:30pm and we'll begin eating at 6:00pm.

