

## THE WAYS OF GOD

### Our Part Is Our Faith

#### I. There was a lack of trust, a lack of following, a lack honor and this was the reason why he couldn't do what He wanted to do

*Mark 6:1-And he went out from thence, and came into his own country; and his disciples follow him. 2 And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands? 3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joseph, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him. 4 But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house. 5 And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. 6 And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching.*

##### A. 3-They were offended at him (Cause a person to distrust and desert one when they should trust and obey)

1. Deserting and distrusting-This is the opposite of following and trusting-There is a failure to follow and trust
2. The reason they are deserting Him is b/c they don't trust Him-The reason people don't follow is b/c they lack faith – If you trusted Him and trust your life to Him you would never desert Him, you'd follow
3. Many Christians live in a manner where they do what they want (desert Jesus) and it's because of their unbelief

##### B. 6-They were in unbelief (Without trust in God, faithlessness, disbelief, weakness of faith, disobedience, incredulous)

1. They were without trust because they chose to be; They did not trust Him because they would not trust Him

##### C. 4-They did not honor him (Without honor-Unhonored, base, of less esteem, despise, without reverence/deference)

1. Reverence-Fear mingled with respect and esteem; Deference-Yielding in opinion, submission; regard; respect. We often decline acting in opposition to those for whose wisdom we have great deference; comply
2. Jesus was unhonored there, there was no reverence, no deference, no yielding, no submission
3. They should have been quiet and deferred and yielded and submitted and trusted, but they wouldn't

##### D. What's the point?

1. #1-Many Christians treat Jesus just like they treated Him in His hometown – Dishonor, distrust, desert
2. #2-If these things (dishonor, distrust, desert) were a hindrance to the Lord then, would they still be now?
3. #3-Every Christian is not trusting, yielding and following and so God will not be able to do what He wants in every Christian's life; It could be in many Christians life like it was in Nazareth; He can't do mighty works b/c of unbelief

##### E. Our part in what God has access to do in our lives is faith and faith includes submission, yielding, following

1. *Mt8:5-When Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, 6 saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. 7Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. 8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. 9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goes; and to another, Come, and he comes; and to my servant, Do this, and he does it. 10When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.*
  - a. He was talking about being under authority Jesus called in great faith; Respect-Recognition of your authority causing me to treat you in an honorable way; Submission-Putting myself under your authority; Yielding-Complying with what you say; Trust-Trusting your leadership
  - b. He was revealing to Jesus you have the command of us and this situation whatever you say will be; This respect, this submission, this yielding, this trust Jesus called great faith – Whatever you say we're going with
  - c. I'm going to respect, submit, honor, yield because I trust
2. Our part is our faith and faith is believing, expecting, and speaking, but it is also honoring, submitting, yielding and following - This honoring authority and submitting to it and yielding to it Jesus called this faith
  - a. This was what was absent in His hometown

#### II. There's a grave failure to recognize and acknowledge the importance of our faith in what God has access to do in our lives

- A. Many Christians aren't committed to the Lord, aren't trusting him, aren't yielding to him and walking closely with him, but expect to get results like they are and then blame God when they don't
1. Many expect God to keep them, but they are not committed to Him, have not given themselves, their lives to Him-*2Tm1:12-KJ-He is able to keep (care for) that which I have committed unto him; YLT-He is able that which I have committed to him to guard; NIRV-He's able to take care of what I have given him; BBE-He is able to keep that which I have given into His care*
    - a. It didn't say God is able to keep everything or everybody but He's able to keep that which has been committed unto Him, that which has been given to Him to guard, to keep
      - 1) What about the people, what about the things not committed to Him? Is He able to keep them?
      - 2) Is everybody committed to the Lord? Has every believer committed themselves, their lives, their things to Him? Have they put their lives into His hands, are going to do what He says and trust Him to care for them?
    - b. If you've committed something to Him you do what He says with it & that's one thing that enables Him to keep it
      - 1) Here's one reason why God can't do things for people; They've not given it to Him, committed it to Him and instead they are doing to do what they want and think's best and so He's not able to keep them, keep it
      - 2) It's not that God doesn't want to, but that He's not able to because you've not committed it unto Him
    - c. Part of Him working through our faith is we trust Him to care for us so we put it in His hands and do what He says
  2. Many want God to shield them, but don't trust Him-*Pr30:5-He is a shield (hedge, protect, defend) to them that put their trust in him*
    - a. This is a very specific group of people that He's a shield to, this is not everybody or even every believer
    - b. This is for those who trust and here's the thing saying you trust the Lord is not trusting the Lord
    - c. Real trust has demonstration; If you trust there's not just words, there's respect, submission, yielding, following
      - 1) If you trust you follow – Faith follows – If you don't trust and follow He's not able to be shield to you
  3. Many want the benefits of dwelling in the secret place of the Most high, but aren't-*Ps91:1-He that dwells in the secret place of the most High will abide under the shadow of the almighty; I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust*
    - a. 1-This is someone who is walking closely with the Lord, yielding, abiding; 2-This is someone who is trusting
    - b. Every benefit is this Psalm is talking about someone who walks closely with the Lord, yielding, abiding, trusting
    - c. Believing and speaking is a vital part of this, but so is yielding and following
- B. People's biggest problem when it comes to understanding God's ways is they still believe He can even when they won't (trust, yield, follow, submit, honor) but the reality is He can't
1. The won't yield, they won't follow, they won't listen, they won't trust and this denies God access to the place where He can't, but they still believe He can even thought in reality in He can't
  2. People throw their fist in the air and blame God and accuse Him of not doing all that He could believing He could have done more and didn't and the thought never crosses their mind maybe God did all He could
- C. For God to have access you don't have to be perfect but your heart has to be
1. If you're heart is perfect it'll show up in demonstration in your life and we'll see you yielding, submitting, following and being quick to repent when you don't
    - a. You don't have to live in fear of that thinking you have to be perfect for God to do something in your life no, but you have to be willing, you have to be submitted, you have to trust
  2. God's not looking for perfection of performance he's looking for access and if you're unwilling to submit, to follow, to yield He has none
    - a. It's not about what being good or bad it's about access
    - b. Good people who have some degree of love for the Lord can have lack of faith and deny God access
- D. What's the point?
1. #1-For God to have access in your life there has to be faith, there has to be submitting, yielding, following, respect
  2. #2-You can't expect the results only faith produces if you're not going to live by faith

3. #3-Don't believe God can even if you won't because if you won't He can't
4. #4-If you want to see God move your life your heart has to be whole towards Him; Fully given/committed to Him