According to your Faith

**Matthew 9:29**

Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you."

**Matthew 8:13**

Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you."

**Q1.** What do the words “*according to your faith*” or “*as you have believed*” mean?

**Q2.** What was the faith/belief that these men showed in order to receive healing from Jesus?

**Q3.** Read Romans 14:23. What do you think it means when it says, “That which is not of faith is sin?”

**Q4.** People are often dejected because they “believed” that they would receive something in faith but it never arrived. How

 do we overcome this obstacle?

**Q5.** What are some common mistakes that we make when “believing” for something?

**Q6.** What would lack of faith look and sound like when we don’t receive what we believing for?

I remember a comment that Jeremy Camp made regarding his wife. She suffered with cancer and despite the constant prayers of herself, Jeremy and many others, she died. Jeremy says that although they prayed for her healing she still died, but ultimately she was healed, in heaven with Jesus.

This is a true working faith in the work of God in both Jeremy’s life, his wife’s and his daughters. His faith and confidence was not in God’s ability or choice to heal his wife but in His omniscience and sovereignty, knowing that all things work together for those who love God (Romans 8:28).

**Q7.** Look up Romans 14:14-23. Verse 23 is a very challenging passage giving us the choice to act in faith or fear, resulting

 in either condemnation or liberty. Usually something so simple is made very complex and stressful when we don’t

 believe certain truths about God’s Word. Is this scenario played out on our lives in some way?

**Q8.** Below is an example of how fear or doubt is played out in our life in a similar way to faith, but with a less desirable

 outcome.

Example:

*If you think (or believe) that someone doesn't want to be around you, you become uncomfortable around them and give them the impression that you don't want to be around them. They then feel uncomfortable around you and you get that same vibe back from them, which reinforces your initial fear (or belief). Because of that "belief" you give a vibe that actually creates the very thing that you were afraid of even though it didn't exist in the first place. If you choose to believe something else and act accordingly (even though you struggle to grasp it), you can avoid the thing you feared and prove that your fear was not real.*

As a Christian, is the example above a “real” test of faith/fear? Is God involved here? Can you think of any verses that could validate this scenario as an act of faith or fear?

**As a Christian we have this assurance…**

**1 John 1:7**

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

**We also have confidence that if it is God’s will, we will receive…**

**John 3:27**

John answered and said, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven. (Including friendships)

*There is no point in worrying. Let go of what you are afraid of loosing. Whatever we gain by the works of our own flesh, we will have to maintain the same way we gained it.*

**Matthew 6:33**

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

*Let it go and if it comes back it was meant to be.*

**Verses for thought…**

**Job 3:25**

For the thing I greatly feared has come upon me, And what I dreaded has happened to me. (Fear is a self-fulfilling emotion)

**Proverbs 23:7**

For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. (Be transformed by the renewing of your mind – Romans 12:2)