

The Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness

Series: *Christ's Life Revealed in Us*

– Gal. 5:22-23; Luke 7:1-10 –

When Jesus heard this, He was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following Him, He said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." (vs. 9)

What kind of FAITH and FAITHFULNESS amazes Jesus?

1. It begins with **Simple Trust**

2. It focuses on the **Needs of Others**

3. It is accompanied by **Love and Generosity**

4. It reflects an **Attitude of Humility**

5. It rests on **God's Word**

Application Questions. . .

1. What part of the text or message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged, intrigued, or challenged?
2. What do you think of when you hear the word "faithfulness"?
3. Faithfulness is often attributed to a dog or a humble servant, but rarely to a macho man or political leader. However, how important do you think faithfulness is to society's health?
4. Why is it important to distinguish between fruit being the *evidence* of our relationship with God rather than the *means* of salvation? How does that help us better understand and apply this particular fruit (faithfulness)?
5. What is the difference between exercising faith and being faithful? What is the relationship between the two?
6. What are some things that cause you to doubt or distrust God?
7. What can we do to help deepen faithfulness so that it becomes stronger and more consistent even in times of uncertainty and stress?

