

# THE WAY TO LOSE CONTROL

## Amazing Encounters With Jesus -- Part 3

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Control replaces \_\_\_\_\_...

Control and faith \_\_\_\_\_ co-exist.

#### TWO THINGS THAT AMAZED JESUS...

**Mark 6:1-2 (NIV)** *“Jesus left there and went to His hometown, accompanied by His disciples. <sup>2</sup> When the Sabbath came, He began to teach in the synagogue, and **many who heard Him were amazed.** ‘Where did this man get these things?’ they asked. ‘What’s this wisdom that has been given Him, that He even does miracles!’ ”*

**Mark 6:3 (NLT)** *“He’s just the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon. And His sisters live right here among us.’ **They were deeply offended and refused to believe in Him.**”*

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of faith by some people.

**Mark 6:6 (NLT)** *“And He was amazed at their unbelief.”*

**Matthew 8:5-6 (NLT)** *“When Jesus arrived in Capernaum, a Roman officer came and pleaded with Him, <sup>6</sup> ‘Lord, my young servant lies in bed, paralyzed and racked with pain.’ ”*

**Matthew 8:7-9 (NLT)** *“Jesus said, ‘I will come and heal him.’ <sup>8</sup> Then the officer said, ‘Lord, I am not worthy to have You come into my home. **Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed!**’ <sup>9</sup> I know, because I am under the authority of my superior officers and I have authority over my soldiers. I only need to say, ‘Go,’ and they go, or ‘Come,’ and they come. And if I say to my slaves, ‘Do this or that,’ they do it.’ ”*

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of others.

**Matthew 8:10 (NLT)** *“When Jesus heard this, He was amazed. Turning to the crowd, He said, ‘I tell you the truth, I haven’t seen faith like this in all the land of Israel!’ ”*

Faith is \_\_\_\_\_ God with control.

**Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)** “So, you see, it is **impossible to please God without faith**. Anyone who wants to come to Him must **believe that there is a God** and that He rewards those who **sincerely seek Him**.”

**Matthew 17:20b (NIV)** “I tell you the truth, if you have **faith as small as a mustard seed**, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”

**Luke 17:5 (NLT)** “One day the apostles said to the Lord, ‘**We need more faith; tell us how to get it.**’

Faith is like a \_\_\_\_\_

...it has to be \_\_\_\_\_.

### ESSENTIAL STEPS TO FAITH...

1. “ \_\_\_\_\_ **Me**”

**Matthew 10:32 (GW)** “So I will **acknowledge** in front of My Father in heaven **that person who acknowledges Me** in front of others.”

2. “ \_\_\_\_\_ **Me**”

**Matthew 4:19 (NIV)** “‘Come, **follow Me,**’ Jesus said, ‘and I will make you fishers of men.’ ”

3. “ \_\_\_\_\_ **Me**”

**John 14:9 (NIV)** “Jesus answered: ‘Don’t you **know Me**, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ ”

4. “ \_\_\_\_\_ **Me**”

**Matthew 11:29 (MSG)** “Walk with Me and work with Me—**watch how I do it. Learn** the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you.”

5. “ \_\_\_\_\_ **Me**”

**John 14:23 (NIV)** “Jesus replied, ‘If anyone loves Me, **he will obey My teaching**. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.’ ”

**CIRCLE ONE** of the steps that you will implement this week