

Ditch Doubt; Faith Forward

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Today's Passages: Romans 14:23, Luke 8:42-48, Galatians 5:16, 22-23 ESV

Last week, Pastor Kasey shared a great message out of Romans on how we respond to others that may be in a different place than ourselves – in love, compassion and for the building of one another. But the chapter ends with a challenge:

But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

Romans 14:23

Apostle Paul is making it clear that acting from a place of doubt in _____ is dangerous.

The COVID situation has presented opportunities for seeds of doubt to be sown in how we go about life (health, social, financial). We must remain vigilant in not allowing those seeds to be watered and rooted.

The story of Jesus and the hemorrhaging woman (Luke 8:42-48) is a great example of someone ditching doubt in the face of major adversity and proceeding from faith in hopes that this Jesus can help.

As Jesus went, the people pressed around him. 43 And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and though she had spent all her living on physicians, she could not be healed by anyone.

Luke 8:42-43

Culture and law would require a woman to remain 'away' while unclean. This woman had to be oppressed by doubts of ever being able to engage in a fruitful life.

44 She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, and immediately her discharge of blood ceased.

Luke 8:44

When you proceed in faith, Jesus will _____ you where you are-- even if you are on the fringes!

45 And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds surround you and are pressing in on you!" 46 But Jesus said, "Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me."

Luke 8:45-46

- CAUTION: You can be in the very presence of truth and _____ the opportunity for power and breakthrough. (v. 45)
- For the ones that do recognize in faith, Jesus wants to engage you _____ . (v. 46)

47 And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. 48 And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

Luke 8:47-48

When you take a leap of faith in Jesus, he:

- affirms you as His beloved ("Daughter")
- delivers you (sozo) beyond the surface ("go in peace")

How do we recognize if our actions are rooted in doubt or faith?

_____ THE FRUIT! !

16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh....22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; Galatians 5:16, 22-23

Responding to God...

What is God saying to you through His word today?

Answers: anything, meet, miss, personally, CONSIDER