

A person is walking away from the viewer on a wooden boardwalk that leads towards a sunset over the ocean. The person is in silhouette. To the left of the boardwalk is a wooden fence. The sky is filled with clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, orange glow. The word "FAITH" is written in large, white, serif capital letters across the middle of the image, with a reflection below it. The text "Lord, Increase Our" is written in a yellow, cursive font at the top, also with a reflection below it. In the bottom right corner, the text "Luke 17:1-10" is written in a purple, serif font, with a reflection below it.

Lord, Increase Our

FAITH

Luke 17:1-10

Lord, Increase Our Faith



- ◆ Do you ever feel like your faith could be stronger?
- ◆ Do you ever feel weak?
- ◆ Have you ever looked at another Christian and thought, “I wish my faith was that strong!”?
- ◆ Have you ever thought to yourself, “I don’t know if I have the faith to do that”?

Lord Increase Our Faith



- ◆ The goal of every child of God should be to develop into spiritual maturity and usefulness in the kingdom of God.
- ◆ We will not achieve this goal if we do not aim for it and do the things necessary in achieving it! – Rom 10:17; Acts 17:11,12; James 2:14-26; Heb 5:12-14
- ◆ The key to success is a strong faith – Faith helps us see beyond our present distress and suffering to victory in life eternal – Mat 6:30; 8:26; 14:31; 16:8; Heb 11:1,6; 13-16; 12:1-3; 1 Pet 1:3-9

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- ◆ Faith is essential in order to please God – **Hebrews 11:6**
- ◆ A strong faith is essential in overcoming the temptations we will face – **Ephesians 6:16**
- ◆ An unwavering faith is essential in receiving the wisdom needed to persevere through the trials of life – **James 1:2-8**

Luke 17:1-10 (NKJV)

¹ Then He said to the disciples, "**It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to *him* through whom they do come!**

² **It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.** ³ **Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.**

Luke 17:1-10 (NKJV)

⁴ And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him." ⁵ And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." ⁶ So the Lord said, "If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

Luke 17:1-10 (NKJV)

⁷ And which of you, having a servant plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down to eat'? ⁸ But will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink'?

Luke 17:1-10 (NKJV)

⁹ Does he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not. ¹⁰ So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.' "

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Lessons requiring faith



- ◆ Love your enemies – 6:27-36
- ◆ Build on the rock – 6:46-49
- ◆ The sower – 8:4-18
- ◆ Wind and waves obey – 8:22-25
- ◆ Take up your cross – 9:23-26
- ◆ Cost of discipleship – 9:57-62; 14:25-33
- ◆ Confessing Christ – 12:8,9
- ◆ Don't worry – 12:22-34
- ◆ The narrow gate – 13:24
- ◆ Humility required – 14:11
- ◆ Importance of little things – 16:10
- ◆ Marriage, divorce & remarriage – 16:18

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Lessons requiring faith



- ◆ The certainty of offenses – 17:1,2
- ◆ Forgive the one seeking forgiveness – even if he sins against you over and over and repents – “you shall forgive him!” – 17:3,4

Luke 17:5 (NKJV)

⁵ And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

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How Faith Is Increased . . .

◆ **Must turn to the right source – vs. 5**

- ❖ Not men, (Mat 15:7-9), or feelings, (Prov. 14:12)
- ❖ The Lord speaks to us through his revelation (Eph. 3:3-5).
- ❖ Faith comes from the word of God (Rom. 10:17; Acts 17:11,12).
- ❖ Everything we need to be mature in Christ is found in the scripture – (2 Tim 3:15-17)



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How Faith Is Increased . . .

◆ **Recognize our own weakness and deficiency (v. 5)**

- ❖ They didn't think "We don't think the Pharisees could be that forgiving." (Luke 18:9-14)
- ❖ Rather, they took a close look at themselves - "Increase our faith" -
- ❖ Honesty and sincerity require that we examine ourselves - (2 Cor. 13:5).



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How Faith Is Increased . . .

◆ **Realize Faith's Power – (6)**

❖ Faith as a mustard seed -

"The mustard seed was the smallest of all Seeds. It has been supposed by some, therefore, that he meant to say, if ye have the smallest or feeblest faith that is genuine, ye can do all things. The mustard seed produced the largest of all herbs. . . therefore, to mean, If you have increasing, expanding, enlarged faith, growing and strengthening from small beginnings, you can perform the most difficult undertaking."— Barnes' Notes



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How Faith Is Increased...

◆ Realize Faith's Power – (6)

- ❖ Faith as a mustard seed –
- ❖ A strong faith will defend against every temptation – (Eph 6:16)
- ❖ A strong faith can overcome any life problem – (Mat 17:20; 2 Cor 4:16-18; 1 Pet 5:8,9; 1 John 5:4,5)
- ❖ A strong faith will bear fruit unto the glory of God – (Psalm 1:1-3; John 15:1-8; Col. 1:9-11; Phili 4:13)



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How Faith Is Increased . . .

◆ **Use what faith you have and it will grow (v. 6)**

- ❖ The emphasis here is not on how much faith or how large one's faith is, but on using what he has.
- ❖ As with a muscle of the body, when faith is exercised it will grow and increase (cf. Gal. 5:6; Heb. 5:11-13; James 2:22-25; 1 Thes 1:3-10).



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How Faith Is Increased . . .

◆ **Just continually do what the Lord commands (vv. 7-10)**

- ❖ A servant simply does what he is commanded without question and doubt, - he has learned humility -
- ❖ Likewise, if we willingly, and enthusiastically do what we are commanded, being humble enough to allow God to direct our steps, our faith will grow – (e.g. Abraham, Rom. 4:1-4,9-24)



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If Faith Doesn't Increase?

- ◆ **I Am NOT Growing – (2 Pet 3:17,18)**
- ◆ **Faith Is Decreased – (Heb. 5:11-14)**
- ◆ **Weakens hope – (Heb 11:1)**
- ◆ **I Will Become Unfruitful –
(Mat. 13:18-23)**
- ◆ **I Will Become Unprofitable –
(Mat. 25:14-30)**
- ◆ **I Will Not Enter The Promise Land –
(Heb. 3:12-19)**



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2 Thessalonians 1:1-12 (NKJV)

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other,

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⁴ so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure, ⁵ *which is* manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer; ⁶ since *it is* a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you,

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⁷ and to *give* you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, ⁸ in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

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¹⁰ when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed. ¹¹ Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of *this* calling,

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and fulfill all the good pleasure of *His* goodness and the work of faith with power, ¹² that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.