

**Jesus Asked:
DO YOU BELIEVE I CAN DO THIS?
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A DEAD GIRL AND BLEEDING WOMAN HEALED

Matthew 9:18-22 (NIV) *“While He was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before Him and said, ‘My daughter has just died. But come and put Your hand on her, and she will live.’¹⁹ Jesus got up and went with him, and so did His disciples.²⁰ Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind Him and touched the edge of His cloak.²¹ She said to herself, ‘If I only touch His cloak, I will be healed.’²² Jesus turned and saw her. ‘Take heart, daughter,’ He said, ‘your faith has healed you.’ And the woman was healed at that moment.”*

Matthew 9:23-26 (NIV) *“When Jesus entered the synagogue leader’s house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes,²⁴ He said, ‘Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep.’ But they laughed at Him.²⁵ After the crowd had been put outside, He went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up.²⁶ News of this spread through all that region.”*

TWO BLIND MEN

Matthew 9:27 (NIV) *“As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed Him, calling out, ‘Have mercy on us, Son of David!’ ”*

Revelation 12:2 (NIV) *“She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth.”*

Matthew 9:28-30 (NIV) *“When He had gone indoors, the blind men came to Him, and He asked them, ‘Do you believe that I am able to do this?’ ‘Yes, Lord,’ they replied.²⁹ Then He touched their eyes and said, ‘According to your faith let it be done to you;’³⁰ and their sight was restored. Jesus warned them sternly, ‘See that no one knows about this.’ ”*

God responds to faith.

Hebrews 11:6 (NIV) *“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.”*

WHAT KIND OF FAITH HONORS GOD?

1. Faith that believes when it doesn’t see.

Hebrews 11:1 (NIV) *“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”*

Matthew 9:28 (NIV) *“When He had gone indoors, the blind men came to Him, and He asked them, ‘Do you believe that I am able to do this?’ ‘Yes, Lord,’ they replied.”*

What you pray about reflects your belief about God.

Revelation 21:4 (NIV) *“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”*

2. Faith that persists when nothing changes.

Colossians 4:2 (GNT) *“Be persistent in prayer, and keep alert as you pray, giving thanks to God.”*

Luke 18:1 (NIV) *“Then Jesus told His disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.”*

3. Faith that works when it doesn’t make sense.

James 2:22 (NIV) *“You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.”*

Hebrews 11:17a&19 (NIV) *“By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice.¹⁹ Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.”*

Romans 10:17 (NIV) *“Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.”*

Daniel 3:17-18 (NIV) *“If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and He will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand.¹⁸ But even if He does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”*