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WEEK 18 · 2026

2026 THEME
Transformed to Bear Much Fruit

THIS WEEK'S STUDY

Faith That Triumphs

Genesis 1:1a · John 3:16 · Hebrews 11:1–3 · Mark 11:24 (NKJV)

I Introduction

Faith is not just a theoretical concept; it is the practical assurance and conviction of things hoped for but not yet seen. God often calls those who feel handicapped or unqualified to perform His work, and we should remember that He knows our limitations and gives us an assignment in spite of them. Whether it is a physical limitation, an age-related concern, or a lack of natural ability, God is not looking for our **ability** but our **availability**.

> A WORD ON LIMITATION
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> *He often calls those who feel handicapped — whether by physical limitations, like David Ring's cerebral palsy, or by the weight of years, as Pastor Pamela Martins noted of her own 85-year journey and her limited movement. True faith is built on the word of God, not on human dictionaries or opinions, and it is shown through our obedience to His call.*

This triumphant faith is demonstrated through three powerful, interlinked stories: the family of Lazarus in crisis, Jairus the synagogue ruler, and the woman with the issue of blood. In the cases of Jairus and Lazarus, human expectation was met by divine delay or diversion.

II Three Stories of Triumphant Faith

The Family of Lazarus

His sisters sent for Jesus, expecting a healing, but were met instead with his death. What seemed like a final loss became the stage for resurrection power.

JOHN 11:38–44

Jairus the Ruler

He sought help for his dying daughter, only to be told she had passed while Jesus was delayed by another. He held on, and his faith was rewarded.

MARK 5:21–43

The Woman with the Issue of Blood

She ignored every social barrier, believing that simply touching the hem of His garment, not even a laying on of hands, was enough to make her whole.

MARK 5:25–34

III Faith Tied to Our Commission

These stories reveal that Jesus is the master of the **whatsoever**; He restores what was lost and bridges the gap back to the life God originally intended. That restoration is offered to **whosoever**, just as John 3:16 declares. Our faith is also tied to our commission. Just as Jesus asked Peter three times, "Do you love Me?" and followed each answer with the command to "Feed My lambs" and "Feed My sheep," we are reminded that our love for God is validated by our obedience to His instructions. Peter did not ask where the food or the sheep were; he simply moved in faith (John 21:15–17). We are called to be vessels, available to take the message of life wherever God has placed us.

IV Discussion Questions

1. Hebrews 11:1 describes faith as the evidence of things not seen. How can we practically train ourselves to trust God's word over human logic or definitions when facing a crisis?
2. David Ring's excuse for not preaching was his cerebral palsy. Share a time you used a limitation as an excuse for serving or obeying God. How did you eventually obey despite it?
3. Share your thoughts on triumphing faith from the stories of **Jairus** (Mark 5:21–43), the **woman with the issue of blood** (Mark 5:25–34), and **Lazarus**' illness, death, and resurrection (John 11:38–44).
4. Mark 11:24 instructs us to believe we have received what we ask for. What does it look like to "act like you have it" after praying, even before the physical evidence appears? Share an experience or a Bible example.

MEMORY VERSE

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

HEBREWS 11:1

✷ ACTION POINT

Identify one area where you have been making excuses instead of obeying God. This week, commit to being available rather than able, and step out in obedience to a task or call you have been avoiding.

Conclusion

A faith that triumphs is one that refuses to let go. Like the woman with the issue of blood, or like Jairus, our victory comes from hearing the Word, believing it, and acting on it without exception. God knows your problems and your limitations, but He also knows the purpose for which He created you. When you stand up and make yourself available, His grace becomes sufficient to do the impossible through you.