

Power Struggles

Luke 9:37-50

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So what is faith?

Faith is **believing** what God said because He said it
and then acting **accordingly**.

1. The world has expectations of us because we are **Jesus' disciples** (v.37-40).
2. Jesus has expectations of us because we are **his disciples** (v.41-42). He gave three reasons for the inability of disciples.
 - a. They were **faithless**
 - b. They were **perverse** Deuteronomy. 32:5; 32:20
 - c. They were **inattentive** and **unfocused**.
3. We have **false expectations** of Jesus because we are His disciples (v.43-50).
 - a. The disciples didn't believe Jesus **literally** (v.43-45).
 - b. The disciples expected **exalted positions** in the kingdom (v.46-48). Pride is the problem.
 - i. Pride destroys **unity** – v.46a
 - ii. Pride reveals feelings of **superiority** – v.47 Phil 2:3-4
 - iii. Pride promotes feelings of **exclusivity** - v.49-50.

Do you reach for **titles** or do you reach **for towels**?