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Real Faith or Blind Faith????
Luke 7 11-17

1. Everybody has some sort of faith, but is it always having faith in God?
2. Some faith may be unwarranted, and no doubt it could be 'Blind Faith'
3. In contrast, the 'Christian Faith' is both reasonable and justified, and the pundits would say, 'so is blind faith'
4. Does your faith require external proof?
5. The real question that put before the church was "Is your faith real or blind?"
6. To answer the aforementioned question, faith needs to be defined
7. The concept of "blind Faith" is a recent invention, however, it not found in scripture
8. As Jesus explained it to Thomas. "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (John 20 29). So faith, as commended in God's Word, is being sure about something that wasn't witnessed firsthand (Hebrews 11 3), or that could not be seen, or that is yet to be revealed
9. However, by the very definition itself, faith is blind! If we can see something, then faith is no longer operative
10. Many people today assume that a Christian's faith in God is what might be defined as blind faith, an idea that belief is based on . . . just belief and nothing else
11. Faith has nothing to do with positive thinking
12. Other views of faith are that it is hope or confidence. Neither is true!
13. We are supposed to trust God and not lean into our own understanding (Proverbs 3 5). The Bible tells us that the "just shall live by faith" (Romans 1 17, Galatians 3 11).
14. Hebrews 11 1 informs us that faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. So biblical faith is not blind, but is strongly warranted confidence in the 'Word' of God
15. Biblical faith is not "blind", it's not the act of "believing without a reason." Just the opposite, biblical faith is the act of believing in something, unseen for which we do have a good reason to believe
16. We are called to love God with all of our minds (Luke 10 27). He does not expect us to blindly take a leap in the dark, but to understand His revelations, promises and to take calculated steps of faith
17. Faith is not belief without proof, but trust without reservation!
18. If we are lacking in faith or in need of greater faith, then ask God for insight and the ability to have faith