



### Chapter 9:18-31

- Matt. 9:18 While He spoke these things to them, behold, a ruler came and worshiped Him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live."
- Matt. 9:19 So Jesus arose and followed him, and so did His disciples.
- Matt. 9:20 And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment.
- Matt. 9:21 For she said to herself, "If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well."
- Matt. 9:22 But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, "Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that hour.
- Matt. 9:23 When Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd wailing,
- Matt. 9:24 He said to them, "Make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him.
- Matt. 9:25 But when the crowd was put outside, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose.
- Matt. 9:26 And the report of this went out into all that land.
- Matt. 9:27 When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!"
- Matt. 9:28 And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord."
- Matt. 9:29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you."
- Matt. 9:30 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it."
- Matt. 9:31 But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country.

## Observations & Discussion

1. What is faith—specifically what is faith that pleases God as seen in our text? See also Heb. 11:6 & compare with James 2:19.

2. Look at the synagogue ruler, the unnamed woman & the blind men's expression of faith (vs.22. vs. 29 & Mark 5:36); what observations can you make about **their** faith & why it was effective? Compare with Matthew 13:57-58.

3. How does the faith of the people in Matthew's account differ from the so-called "faith" taught by the "prosperity teachers" of today? (i.e. Kenneth Hagin, Copeland, & Creflo Dollar).

4. Why is faith so important to God?

5. Describe a personal experience in which you expressed faith in God.

6. What area of your life is God currently teaching you to trust Him so that He can build your faith?

7. How can the group pray for you and your faith?