

# LOSING CONTROL TO FAITH

## Jesus On Mission -- Part 1

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The goal is to let God be in control of your life.

#### TWO THINGS THAT AMAZED JESUS...

##### 1. The LACK of faith by some people.

**Mark 6:1-3 (NIV)** *“Jesus left there and went to His hometown, accompanied by His disciples. <sup>2</sup> When the Sabbath came, He began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard Him were amazed. ‘Where did this man get these things?’ they asked. ‘What’s this wisdom that has been given Him? What are these remarkable miracles He is performing?’ <sup>3</sup> Then they scoffed, ‘He’s just a carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon. And His sisters live right here among us.’ They were deeply offended and refused to believe in Him.”*

**Mark 6:6 (NLT)** *“And He (Jesus) was amazed at their unbelief.”*

##### 2. The GREAT faith of other people.

**Matthew 8:5-10 (NLT)** *“When Jesus returned to Capernaum, a Roman officer came and pleaded with Him, <sup>6</sup> ‘Lord, my young servant lies in bed, paralyzed and in terrible pain.’ <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, ‘I will come and heal him.’ <sup>8</sup> But the officer said, ‘Lord, I am not worthy to have You come into my home. Just say the word from where You are, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup> I know this because I am under the authority of my superior officers, and I have authority over my soldiers. I only need to say, ‘Go,’ and they go, or ‘Come,’ and they come. And if I say to my slaves, ‘Do this,’ they do it.’ <sup>10</sup> When Jesus heard this, He was amazed. Turning to those who were following Him, He said, ‘I tell you the truth, I haven’t seen faith like this in all Israel!’”*

Faith is TRUSTING God WITH control.

**Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)** *“It is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to Him must believe that God exists and that He rewards those who sincerely seek Him.”*

**Matthew 17:20b (NIV)** *“I tell you the truth, if you have faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there’ and it would move. Nothing would be impossible.”*

**Luke 17:5 (NLT)** *“The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Show us how to increase our faith.’”*

Faith is like a MUSCLE... it has to be developed.

#### ESSENTIAL STEPS TO FAITH...

Jesus said... *“If you want to live with faith...”*

##### 1. “ACKNOWLEDGE Me”

**Matthew 10:32 (GW)** *“So I will acknowledge in front of My Father in heaven that person who acknowledges Me in front of others.”*

##### 2. “FOLLOW Me”

**Matthew 4:19 (NIV)** *“‘Come, follow Me,’ Jesus said, ‘and I will send you out to fish for people.’”*

##### 3. “GET TO KNOW Me”

**John 14:9 (NIV)** *“Jesus answered: ‘Don’t you know Me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’”*

##### 4. “WATCH Me”

**Matthew 11:29 (MSG)** *“Walk with Me and work with Me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you.”*

##### 5. “OBEY Me”

**John 14:23 (NIV)** *“Jesus replied, ‘Anyone who loves Me will obey My teaching. My Father will love them, and We will come to them and make Our home with them.’”*

Circle one of the steps that you will implement this week.