



## KINGDOM LIVING

### Rise Up!

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Luke 17:5-10

The kingdom of the heavens is like no kingdom on earth. It is literally other-worldly. Earth cannot possibly contain all that heaven desires to do. So why, Christian, does the church look so contained? Why do we neatly fit into buildings for a few hours every Sunday?

Why do you quietly fit into a workplace that is built like all the other kingdoms of this world?

Why do we so easily say yes, again, and again to this world, and 'maybe', or, 'later', or 'I'll try', or, 'first let me go and ...' to your risen Saviour?

Let your eyes be opened in this moment as you listen to words of the living voice. Let us rise up and read His word from Luke 17:5-10,

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The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. <sup>7</sup> "Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? <sup>8</sup> Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup> Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? <sup>10</sup> So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

{PRAYER}

Faith is this – speaking. Living by faith requires you to see what some of you are blind to, **verse 5**,

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The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

When did you last utter those words? When have you asked?

3 Did not James, the half-brother or our Lord, say in **James 4:2**,

You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask.

4 It's not for lack of desire. It's not because you don't want a greater, a deeper, faith. It is all because you have not asked. **A person in a permanent state of WANT will destroy relationships, friendships and resources.**

5 Back to **Luke 17:6**,

And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

6 Your desire won't move a tree, wanting is NOT enough! You MUST speak. God did not merely WANT the light to appear. No, in **Genesis 1:3**,

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

His spoken command was sufficient, but anything less was not. So it is with you. You need to speak HIS commands, in line with HIS will and you WILL see things happen.

Have you not been commissioned by the One who has all authority in heaven and earth?!

7 **It is VITAL to the Christian life that you learn to speak and live out your faith** not merely the commands you have learned. So Jesus goes on to speak to your

8 beating heart today in **Luke 17:7**,

"Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'?"

In Jesus' day if you had a hired servant, they did everything, from working in your fields or tending your flock of sheep all the way through to cooking and serving dinner with a glass of the finest wine. No one would invite their servant to come and sit down and dine with me. He affirms this in **verse 8**,

9 Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'?

You get to eat and drink for yourself when all your duties are done.

10 **Verse 9** reveals the truth Jesus is walking you towards today,

Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded?

Does Jesus say to any of His disciples, His followers, “Well done obedient servant”? No, the words He offers are, “Well done, good and faithful servant”.

11 God has not called me to give you a job list. **God has called me to proclaim and help you understand HIS words so that you might go and be faithful** – live them in full faith!

12 **Verse 10** is designed to get you out of that comfortable chair and living full faith,

So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

If all you do is what you have been commanded, you have MISSED. THE. MARK.

13 **Jesus has called you from the deadness and darkness of your sin to RISE UP!!**

14 Come back to **Luke 5:24-25**,

“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home.” <sup>25</sup>And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God.

Three commands – rise, pick up your bed, go home. But he did FOUR things. Rose, picked up his bed, went home – GLORIFYING GOD! Have you missed it?

15 It happened with Zacchaeus in **Luke 19:8**,

And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.”

16 He didn’t just take his salvation. **He straightaway lived full faith.** He SPOKE what would be. Zacchaeus didn’t use his past as a reason to do the bare minimum. He didn’t use how he felt today as an excuse. And he didn’t see his future as a free pass to do whatever, cos now he’s got the golden ticket to glory.

When you read on in chapter 17, Jesus met 10 lepers. They lifted up their voices and Jesus commanded them to go and show themselves to the priest (as

per the law of Moses). All ten were healed. All ten did as they were commanded. But one came back (**verse 15-16**),

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Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup>and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks.

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What will your full faith look like this week? **Will you be profitable to your Saviour?** Will you go and do His will on earth as it is in heaven?

Will you now go and tell others of the glory of the kingdom of the heavens?