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SERMON OUTLINE -- OCTOBER 2, 2022

Misdirected Faith

(Luke 17:1-10)

INTRODUCTION: *Misdirected faith: faith in OUR faith*

I. FAITH:

NOT “Look What I Can Do!” BUT: Look What God Can Do!

- A. Luke 17:5-6
- B. Matthew 17:20
- C. Faith is not our good deed, but is recognizing that God is at work & trusting Him
- D. John 9:30
- E. THE KEY is not the strength of our faith, but the **object of our faith** (Jesus)

II. FAITH IN OURSELVES LEADS US TO FAITHLESSNESS

- A. We note Peter, “The Rock”
- B. Matthew 26:35
- C. Peter became “the dust” (Luke 2:34;56)

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III. THE DISCIPLES ASKED JESUS TO INCREASE THEIR FAITH (Luke 17:1-10)

- A. Faith is always God's gift (Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 10:17)
- B. What a wonderful reminder is given to us in *Luther's Explanation to the 3rd Article of the Apostles Creed*
[I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified me and kept me in the true Faith... this is most certainly true.]
- C. The word "Faith" has 3 common meanings:
 - 1. A person believes something (factual knowledge – James 2:19)
 - 2. A person believes in something (*I believe in Canada... in motherhood*)
 - 3. A person believes on something/someone (Acts 16:31)
- D. Let's read together hymn #575 (*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*):
***"My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood & righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand; all other ground is sinking sand."***

CONCLUSION: *The real meaning of the word "Amen!"*
[standing on a rock]