

Shalach: Stop Doubting and Believe

- **Faith does not necessarily come after God demonstrates His mighty power.**

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- **Spying out the land came after:**
 - God had demonstrated his mighty power:
 - Deliverance from Egypt with Ten Plagues.
 - Giving of the Ten Commandments.
 - God speaks from the mountain.
 - Feeding with manna and quail.
 - Giving of water from the rock the first time.

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- **They believed the inhabitants of the land were too powerful to defeat.**
- Why did they not believe God was too powerful to lose.
 - Numbers 13:27-28 TLV They gave their account to him and said, “We went into the land where you sent us. Indeed it is flowing with milk and honey—this is some of its fruit. (28) Except, the people living in the land are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw the sons of Anak there!

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- **They could not be convinced of God's power:**
 - Numbers 14:6-10 TLV (6) Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes. (7) They said to the whole assembly of Bnei-Yisrael, "The land through which we passed is an exceptionally good land! (8) If Adonai is pleased with us, He will lead us into that land and will give it to us—a land flowing with milk and honey. (9) Only don't rebel against Adonai, and don't be afraid of the people of the land. They will be food for us. The protection over them is gone. Adonai is with us! Do not fear them." (10) But the whole assembly talked about violently stoning them. Then the glory of Adonai appeared at the Tent of Meeting to all Bnei-Yisrael.

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- **We need to be careful about that for which we desire and ask God.**
 - Psalm 106:14-15 TLV (14) In the wilderness they craved ravenously, in the desert they tested God. (15) So He gave them what they asked for but sent a wasting disease among them.

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- **Miracles will not prove God's power to the unbelieving heart:**

- Matthew 16:1-4 TLV (1) Now the Pharisees and Sadducees came up, and testing Yeshua, they asked Him to show them a sign from heaven. (2) But He replied to them, “When evening comes, you say, ‘Fair weather coming, for the sky is red,’ (3) and in the morning, ‘Stormy weather today, for the sky is red and gloomy.’ You know how to discern the appearance of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times! (4) An evil and adulterous generation clamors for a sign, yet no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah.” And leaving them behind, He went away.

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- **Yeshua's miracles did not convince them:**

- Matthew 11:20-21 TLV Then Yeshua began to denounce the towns where most of His miracles had happened, because they did not turn from their sins. (21) “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have turned long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

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- **We must first believe the Word of God:**
 - John 5:44-47 TLV (44) How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another, and you do not seek the glory that comes from God alone? (45) “Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father. The one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have put your hope. (46) For if you were believing Moses, you would believe Me—because he wrote about Me. (47) But since you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”

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- **We must first believe the Word of God:**
 - Luke 16:27-31 TLV “Then the rich man said, ‘I beg you then, Father Abraham, send Lazarus to my father’s house! (28) For I have five brothers to warn, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ (29) “But Abraham says, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets. Let them listen to them.’ (30) “But he said, ‘No, Father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ (31) “But Abraham said, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead!’”

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- **Simple things move a willing heart:**

- 1Samuel 11:1-7 TLV (1) Now Nahash the Ammonite marched up and encamped against Jabesh-gilead. Then all the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, “Make a treaty with us, and we will serve you.” (2) But Nahash the Ammonite said to them, “Only on this condition will I make a treaty with you—by gouging out the right eye of every one of you, thus I will bring disgrace on all Israel.” (3) So the elders of Jabesh said to him, “Give us seven days’ respite, so we may send messengers throughout all the territory of Israel. If no one comes to deliver us, we will surrender to you.” (4) When the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul and spoke these words in the hearing of the people, all the people lifted up their voice and wept.

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- **Simple things move a willing heart (cont.):**

- 1Samuel 11:1-7 TLV (5) Now behold, Saul was coming from the field behind the oxen, so Saul asked, “Why are the people weeping?” Then they told him the words of the men of Jabesh. (6) Then the Ruach of God suddenly rushed upon Saul when he heard those words, and his anger blazed. (7) So he took a pair of oxen, cut them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the territory of Israel by the hand of messengers saying, “Whoever does not come out after Saul and after Samuel, so will it be done to his oxen.” So the dread of Adonai fell on the people, and they came out as one man.

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- **The fear of God is greater than the fear of the enemy.**

- Job 28:28 TLV (28) And He said to mankind, ‘The fear of the Lord—that is wisdom, and to turn away from evil is understanding.’”

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- **Why did you doubt?**

- Matthew 14:25-31 TLV Now in the fourth watch of the night, Yeshua came to them, walking on the sea. (26) But when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It’s a ghost!” And they cried out with fear. (27) But immediately, Yeshua spoke to them, saying, “Take courage! I am. Don’t be afraid.” (28) Answering, Peter said to Him, “Master, if it’s You, command me to come to You on the water.” (29) And He said, “Come!” And Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water to go to Yeshua. (30) But seeing the wind, he became terrified. And beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, “Master, save me!” (31) Immediately Yeshua reached out His hand and grabbed him. And He said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

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- **Stop Doubting and Believe:**

- John 20:24-29 TLV (24) One of the Twelve, Thomas called the Twin, was not with them when Yeshua came. (25) The other disciples were saying to him, “We’ve seen the Lord!” But he replied to them, “Unless I see the nail prints in His hands and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand in His side, I will never believe!” (26) Eight days later the disciples were again inside, and Thomas was with them. Yeshua comes, despite the locked doors. He stood in their midst and said, “Shalom aleichem!” (27) Then He said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and look at My hands. Reach out your hand and put it into My side. Stop doubting and believe!”

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- **Stop Doubting and Believe (cont.):**

- John 20:24-29 TLV (28) Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!” (29) Yeshua said to Him, “Because you have seen Me, you have believed? Blessed are the ones who have not seen and yet have believed!”

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- **Simon was a great man:**

- Luke 5:4-10 TLV (4) When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, “Go out into the deep water, and let down your nets for a catch.” (5) Simon replied, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and caught nothing. But at Your word I will let down the nets.” (6) When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets began to break. (7) So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. (8) But when Simon Peter saw this, he fell down at Yeshua’s knees, saying, “Go away from me, Master, for I am a sinful man!”

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- **Simon was a great man (cont.):**

- Luke 5:4-10 TLV (9) For amazement had gripped him and all who were with him, over the catch of fish they had netted; (10) so also Jacob and John, Zebedee's sons, who were partners with Simon. But Yeshua said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on, you will be catching men."

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- **This is the person for whom God is looking:**
 - The person that is not full of himself, but full of faith and God's Ruach.
 - Isaiah 66:1-2 TLV Thus says Adonai: "Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool. Where then is the House you would build for Me? Where is the place of My rest? (2) For My hand has made all these things, so all these things came to be," declares Adonai. "But on this one will I look, one humble and of a contrite spirit, who trembles at My word."