

**The Gospel according to Luke: The Faith God Blesses**  
Luke 7:1-50

*It is not great faith, but true faith, that saves; and the salvation lies not in the faith, but in the Christ in whom faith trusts...It is not the measure of faith, but the sincerity of faith, which is the point to be considered. See then, dear friend, that the weakness of your faith will not destroy you. A trembling hand may receive a golden gift. (Spurgeon)*

**God Blesses Faith that Is...**

- Supremely confident in the power of the Lord. (vv. 1-10)

*The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:5-7)*

- Deeply grateful for the compassion of the Lord. (vv. 11-17)

*Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!*

*He speaks and listening to His voice new life the dead receive, the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.*

- Genuinely responsive to the Word of the Lord. (vv. 18-35)

*And blessed is the one who is not offended by me. (Luke 7:23)*

- Entirely dependent upon the grace of Christ. (vv. 36-50)

*She didn't care if she was weighed in their balances and found wanting, because she had already been weighed in the balances of the only One that matters and she had been found wanted. (Ligon Duncan)*

*Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sins are covered. (Psalm 32:1)*