

DIG A DITCH

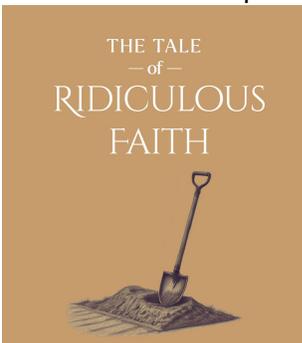
(The Tale of Ridiculous Faith, Part 1)

A Lord's Flock Worship Topic

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Ridiculous faith involves a leap of faith that seems absurd but is driven by deep trust in God's ability to perform miracles and bring about His will. The Bible recounts the story of Elisha and the three kings, whose large goals require small, diligent actions (2 Kings 3:1-27). The kings joined forces to fight against the king of Moab, but the armies ran out of water after marching for seven days. They decided to seek the help of the prophet Elisha, who prayed, worshipped, and listened to God's message before revealing His instructions to them to "dig ditches" (2 Kings 3). Indeed, faith that works moves the heart of God, and it invokes a response from Him.



1. What should we do to receive God's favor?

1.1 Seek the Lord for direction (1 Cor. 10:13).

He will direct us where to go and whenever we need to take a step.

1.2 **Have faith in God** (Heb. 11:1). Faith should not be based on the things we see but on the belief that He is the true God who can do everything. Faith is not looking for proof, for rain clouds, for the rainfall, but it is the Lord saying there will be flowing water. Thus, He wants us to dig ditches with the promise to fill them up because God wants faith-filled people.

1.3 **Act on our faith.** We should act on our faith regardless of how ridiculous it may be. Without action, faith is dead (Jas. 2:17). To be doers of the Word, and not hearers only (Jas. 1:22) is crucial. God can make everything possible, but sometimes He

wants to use us, to show Him our faith. Thus, He will demonstrate His faithfulness.

1.4 **Walk by faith** (2 Cor. 5:7). True faith comes when we walk into a difficult situation, trusting God to help us get out of it.

1.5 **Trust God.** If God says it, do it. He does not need rain or a river to provide water to their armies. Our faith in Him becomes a blessing since we are entirely dependent on Him.

1.6 **Expect a miracle from God.** They were all provided with water, including their animals (2 Kings 3:20). The Moabites mistook the water for blood, so they fled. Hence, their king was defeated.

1.7 **Be faithful** (Heb. 11:6). He is looking for people who would obey at once and use them for miracles to happen. He is looking for people who will dig ditches to collect water that will not fall from the sky.

1.8 **Be an empty vessel to God** (2 Kings 4:2). God uses empty vessels for His glory. He specializes in filling the empty vessels. Thus, we should empty ourselves for God to fill us with His abundant blessings.

1.9 **Be obedient to God's commands.** Let us be prepared to receive the blessings from the Lord. We only have to obey Him (Deut. 28).

Conclusion:

Some of us have a significant need in our lives. We should stop saying, "What if ..." We only need to obey Him to receive His blessings. When God wants us to do something, we should learn how to take a step forward even when our needs are not met. We do not have to understand completely to obey. Thus, "real faith believes big but is willing to start small."

Reflection:

1. Is your faith enough to obey the Lord even when you think it is absurd?
2. How do you know if the instructions are from God?
3. Are you willing to be a miracle ground for God?

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