

b. Faith presents to us a Source of Strength.

While it takes faith to admit of our helplessness, it takes another measure to see in another the strength we need. The Bible passages noted all find persons whose difficulties were very real being confronted with a Person of strength in the Lord Jesus. Why were they willing to trust in Him? There were no great debates but through the willingness to believe God they saw in Him one greater than their own needs. Faith caused them to see Him as the very tower of strength. They were not casting their hopes on the first person who came by but on one who had been demonstrated in their hearts as a source of help. Obedience of heart keeps us looking to the Lord...not to ourselves or our attainments. The latter is not faith.

c. Faith teaches us to act in dependence.

Knowing our own helplessness and seeing the potential in the Lord, faith causes us to fall before him and ask for the blessing of life as it may be needed in individual causes. Whether a leper or a blind man, etc., does not make much difference. What counts is the fundamental.. "Lord, help me.!" The call for help is an admission of inability on one hand with a willingness to be blessed on the other.

d. Faith enables us to live in fact

Having received the help needed, the blind man is then enabled to live "seeing", the leper to live "cleansed" the street woman to live "free and forgiven." This is why some make a distinction between saving faith and living faith...and some such distinction is not totally wrong. But it is not a difference in quality of faith...more a difference in the application of faith. The faith that calls out, "Lord, save me," is the faith that then says, "Lord, give me the instruction for life."