

with no external reward. The strengthening of faith therefore is the increase of our willingness and obedience with positive trust in the Lord and thus enabling ourselves to more fully execute His will. In some cases the external reward does exist and is visible. Our point has simply been that it is not a necessary factor in faith...the latter really defies the concept of an external stimulus. But the strengthening of faith often makes use of external points by viewing what faith has done and then daring to believe that it can do the same in future sequence.

In this message we are able to treat the passages as we come to them in the various points of the treatment rather than summarizing them all at the beginning as we have done in the previous talks. Our search then is for the ways and means whereby our faith is made stronger.

## 2. Discussion

### a. Faith is strengthened by memory.

#### Luke 22:35-38

With an eye to His departure, the Lord instructed His own as to how they should care for His desires. He reminded them of the time that he sent them forth with nothing...no scrip, no purse, no extra clothes, etc. He asks if they lacked anything at that time as they did His will. The response is negative. In truth they were as well cared for as if they had the power to buy and possess all. The lesson is not lost on them now. They should remember how well He provided and not be afraid or reluctant to trust Him in the darkened days ahead. Memory, if it is honest, is a great help to strengthening faith for we will discover that the Lord has never failed in any situation and it should be seen