Luke 7:18-23

When faith doesn't work

¹⁸ The disciples of John the Baptist told him about everything Jesus was doing. So John called for two of his disciples, ¹⁹ and he sent them to the Lord to ask Him, "Are You the One who was to come, or should we look for someone else?"

²⁰ The men came to Jesus and said, "John the Baptist sent us to ask, 'Are You the One who was to come, or should we look for someone else?'"

²¹ In that very hour, Jesus cured many people of their diseases, illnesses, and evil spirits, and He restored sight to many who were blind.

²² So He replied, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the Good News is preached to the poor.

²³ How blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of Me.

Faith doesn't work when I'm caught up in circumstances. 7:20-21

Disagree with personal When I can't choose better circumstances, I can rise above my circumstances with and Disagree with gracious

3 Rules for healthy relationships: R..... R..... R..... John 15:14

Faith only works when I'm caught up

My prayer priorities, 1 July 2018

This week's song selection

Our God is an awesome God | All I wanna do is praise Your name | I've got an old church choir | Item: It's a good thing to give thanks | Thank You Lord for giving Yourself | Have faith in God | My faith has found a resting place | I walk by faith

For personal reflection, or group study.

- 1. Read John 14:13-14. What is the focus of answered prayer? What work of the Son brings greatest glory to the Father? How can we pray for that to be achieved?
- 2. Read John 15:1-8. From v7, what are the two conditions for answered prayer, and how do they relate to each other? What would you suggest to someone who wanted to do both those?
- 3. Read John 15:9-17. Which fruit of the Spirit is constantly mentioned throughout this paragraph? Why would that fruit be a precondition for answered prayer?
- 4. Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-5. Why is a role model of someone going thru trials better than instruction about how to go through those trials? Who is a role model that you admire?

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