

# 86th – Bible Seeds Podcast

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## Intro Music – “My Father Is So Good To Me”

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Hi, my name is Carl Vasta and I would like to welcome you to the Bible Seeds section here, at Understanding God’s Word. This is where I get to comment on biblical readings and stories that brings the bible into what’s happening to us in our daily lives.

I’ll touch on such topics as Family Prayer or Why I Believe There Is A God. I’ll talk about what was predicted that makes these the Terrible Times In The Last Days or how to Have A Daily Meaningful Relationship With God.

Today's topic: **THIS MAKES BELIEVING A LOT EASIER**

I was wondering the other day, *What makes people’s faith stronger? No matter if its faith in God, your doctor, your parents, your husband, your wife, your children, your neighbor, a friend, or your pastor.* The very thing that makes your faith stronger in each other has to be,

### **THE TRUTH**

In the four gospels, Jesus did not waste His words. Many times, the point He makes only takes a paragraph or two. And even though the disciples would ask Him what He meant, about a parable or story He told, Jesus asked them why they didn’t understand! Then He would explain it differently so they would get it. But there was a phrase Jesus used commonly and He said it in different ways!

Jesus said, ***“I tell you the truth”***, seventy eight times in the New Testament gospels of the King James Bible.

But there were other ways Jesus referred to the truth.

There are nineteen bible verses Jesus said, that start with or contain the words, ***“Truly truly, I say to you”***.

**John 5:24**=Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

I'm not going to read through all of them, but I will tell you where they exist.

**John 6:47**=Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life.

**John 12:24**=Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit

**John 16:20**=Truly, truly, I say to you, that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will grieve, but your grief will be turned into joy

**John 14:12**=Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father.

**John 1:51**=And He \*said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see the heavens opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man,

**John 3:3**=Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.

**John 5:19**=Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner

**John 6:26**=Jesus answered them and said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.

**John 6:32**=Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven.

**John 6:53**=So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves.

**John 8:34**=Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin.

**John 8:51**=Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he will never see death.

**John 8:58**=Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, “I am.”

**John 10:1**=Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, he is a thief and a robber.

**John 10:7**=So Jesus said to them again, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

**John 13:16**=Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him.

**John 13:20**=Truly, truly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me,

**John 16:23**=In that day you will not question Me about anything. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you.

If you read the four gospels; **Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John**, you will see that the faith of the disciples was not automatic. ***Sometimes we think when a person repents ( gives up ) their sins and commits their life to Jesus, that they have as much faith as they are going to get!***

***-Wrong-***

See how those disciple’s faith were strengthened not only by the words of Jesus but by His actions.

➔ **At Luke, Chapter 5: verses 1-11** Simon Peter who was asked to cast his net out to catch fish after he had been fishing all night and

caught nothing. And after he caught enough fish to nearly sink two boats, Peter fell down at Jesus' feet and said,

***“Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!” For amazement had seized him and all his companions because of the catch of fish which they had taken. And Jesus said to them, Do not fear, from now on you will be catching men.”***

- **At John, Chapter 2: verses 1-11** Some disciples were with Jesus and his mother Mary, at a wedding in Cana. His mother asked Him to help because the wine at the wedding ran out. ***This was Jesus' first miracle and He made wine from water that was in six stone water pots that held thirty gallons each.***

***The headwaiter tasted the wine but did not know where it came from, but the servants who had drawn the water knew. The headwaiter called the bridegroom, and said to him, “Every man serves the good wine first, and when men have drunk freely, then that which is poorer; you have kept the good wine until now.”*** This strengthened the faith of those disciples and it says at the end of this reading that, ***“His disciples believed in Him.”***

The four gospels are full of these accounts, so read them and take them to heart. Know that when you put your faith in Jesus, the Holy Spirit is sealed with you 24 hours a day, for all the days of every year till the end of the world. When Jesus tells you, ***“I am with you always”, it is the truth!***

Jesus was tempted in the desert by the Devil after being there forty days and nights without food, and He was hungry.

At the book of Luke, Chapter 4: verses 1-13, the devil tempted Jesus by saying, ***"If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread."***

And Jesus answered, ***"It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"***

And Satan continued, ***"If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"***

***Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"***

Here is another thing people miss when reading the line, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." **First of all this is an unworthy test!** You can't say to God, "Hey, I'm standing on these train tracks! Save me Lord from getting hit and killed by the train that's coming on the tracks toward me! **OR** say to the Lord, I'm jumping off this twenty story building! Help me, so I don't hit ground and die! This is an unworthy test! Don't put the Lord your God to this stupid test!

**Can you and should you put God, the Father, our Lord Jesus Christ and Holy Spirit to the test? YES! A worthy test!**

When Jesus tells you, ***"Teach them to do all the things I have told you. And I am with you always, even to the end of the world."*** **Matthew, Chapter 28: verse 20**

and

***“And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name and I will do it.” John, Chapter 14: verses 13-14***

So if you ask the Lord for something and you don't receive it, what does that mean?

You may have asked to win the Lotto and receive a lot of money. But what if it's not the Lord's will for you because He can see what you can't. That money could be your destruction! He knows, but you don't! And you trust Him because He is God and you're not.

The best thing you can ask for after that is for wisdom and for understanding of why you didn't get what you asked for! There is a ***Serenity prayer*** is attributed to the American theologian Reinhold Niebuhr that goes,

***God grant me the serenity ( the peace of mind )  
to accept the things I cannot change,  
courage to change the things I can,  
and the wisdom to know the difference,  
living one day at a time  
enjoying one moment at a time;  
taking this world as it is  
and not as I would have it;  
trusting that You will make all things right  
if I surrender to Your will;***

***so that I may be reasonably happy in this life  
and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen***

But what if you get something that you asked God for?

Was it a solution to a problem that has been upsetting you for while. And you get an answer you haven't thought of and the problem gets solved, will you be filled with joy and ready to thank God for His help.

That's what made the disciples / Apostles after Jesus resurrection, fill with joy. And they knew that all that Jesus told them was true and they would join Jesus in heaven and their bodies would be like His and they would live wonderfully forever! And they remembered what Jesus had told them: ***"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.***

So don't be afraid to ask for anything and see what **God's Will is for you.** And every time your prayers are answered, your faith in God the Father, Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit will increase and it will make **BELIEVING A LOT EASIER!**

***Back Ground Music Starts and .....***

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