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5. Why does Jesus correct the disciples in their request for more faith? How does faith provide the power to accomplish the difficult/impossible?
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7. Does the master thank the servant for doing his duty? At work, do you get thanked for doing what you are expected to do?
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11. What is the Samaritan recognizing when he comes back to Jesus? What is an area of your life where you need to recognize God's work in your life? Are you grateful for the blessings of God's grace?

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Are there any of these three faith responses you need to experience more fully?
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