

Matthew 16:8

But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, “O you of little faith, why do you reason among yourselves because you have brought no bread?”

When we read today’s verse, have you ever thought about the fact that the concern of the disciples was with themselves? Look back just one verse and you can see this.

† **Matthew 16:5** *Now when His disciples had come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread.*

Now, there is nothing wrong with thinking about our needs, we do all the time, that’s why we have jobs and bank accounts and cars and homes etc. We have them because we have needs. God knows this as well.

† **Matthew 6:8** *Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.*

The issue is when we put those needs before everything, and everyone else. When they consume us and we even think that our faith is not good enough because we think, “*I don’t even have enough faith to make a headache go away, so how can God use me for anything?*” Our difficulty is that we are usually associating faith with ourselves and our wants and needs. But have you ever thought that God gave man wisdom to make aspirin to relieve a headache. Now, it’s not that we are to put our trust or faith in aspirin, yet God has still made a means for a headache to go away.

Can God make a headache go away? Sure, He can, and there are times when He does. But those times He doesn’t, it doesn’t mean you don’t have enough faith. Think of Paul and Timothy, and Timothy was having stomach issues. I mean come on; this is Paul who else other than Jesus would you want to pray for you? Yet even though Paul was a great man of Faith, still he gave Timothy some medical advice to clear his stomach issue.

† **1 Timothy 5:23** *No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your frequent infirmities.*

I believe that Paul did pray for a healing for Timothy, yet even though he did, there still wasn’t any healing. I also believe that the Holy Spirit guided Paul to give the instructions that he did to Timothy to get rid of his stomach pains.

In today’s verse, Jesus was going to do a spiritual work, and what are the disciples concerned about?

† ***“O you of little faith, why do you reason among yourselves because you have brought no bread?”***

Themselves and their physical needs (food/bread), instead of being a part of the work that the Lord is about to do. So if we realize that faith is not all about us and our needs, and that faith is not making God do what we think He should do for us, we then realize that the faith that is given to us is more for others, and that He gave us faith to release those who are in bondage to sin, and to give glory to God.

† ***Acts 20:21 (NLT2) I have had one message for Jews and Greeks alike—the necessity of repenting from sin and turning to God, and of having faith in our Lord Jesus.***

† ***Hebrews 12:1 (NLT2) Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.***