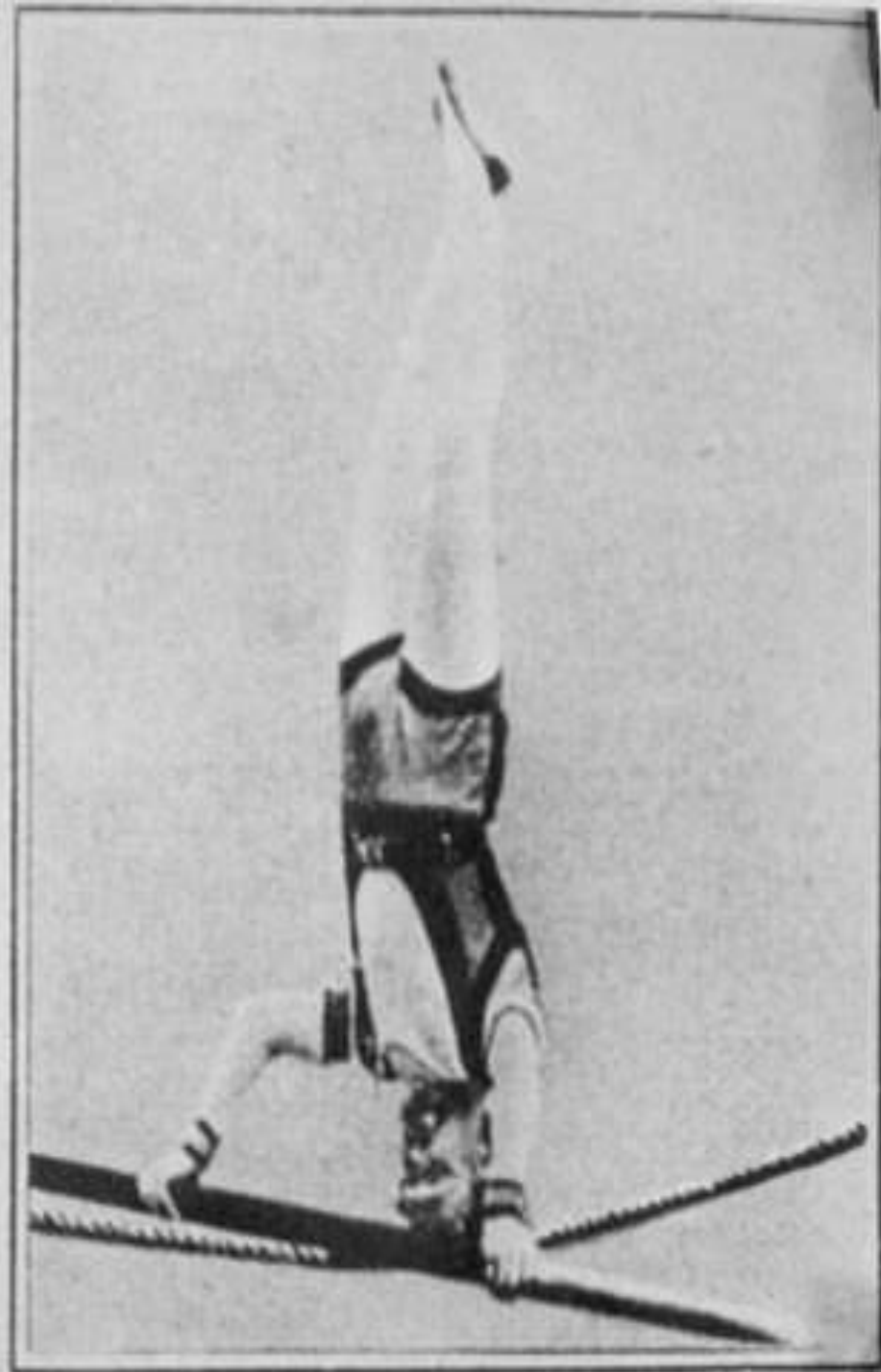


“To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary.

To one without faith, no explanation is possible.”

St. Thomas Aquinas





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Jesus Saw Their Faith

Mark 2:1-12



“Faith is meant to be more than a formality, Faith is meant to be more than a feeling and faith is meant to be more than a formula!” In fact if you can reduce it to a formula it is not faith. It’s a flop and has no function.”

Richard Rohr, “faith is patience with mystery”

Dr. Charles Price, the Pentecostal evangelist whose gifts of healing miracles were known in the first half of the 20th century wrote this in his book called, REAL FAITH:

“There is a great deal of difference between what we call the faith of man in God, and the faith of God that is imparted to man. Such faith is not the child of effort, neither is it born of struggle. If it is the faith of God , then we get it from Him, and not from our mental attitudes of affirmation.”

Melinda Fish author of 'Restoring the wounded Woman, " When your hopes and dreams are not born of God's faith but have created an illusion, that illusion is destined to fail, bringing with it despair. Until that illusion is dead, Gods true plan for your life will be obscured. You are not happy where you are right now until you are dead to what could be."

3 Qualities of their faith

1.) Jesus saw four men who cared

2.) Jesus saw four men who wanted to share Christ

3.) Jesus saw four men who did not give up

"And again He [Jesus] entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that he was **in the house**. Immediately **many gathered** together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And he preached the word to them."
(Mark 2:1-2)



1.) JESUS SAW 4 MEN WHO CARED

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." – Winston Churchill

"Only a life lived for others is worth living."
– Albert Einstein

James said, "What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds?....Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, 'Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?"

(James 2:14-16).

"Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can read." Mark Twain

ATTACK THE LACK WITH R.A.K
Random Acts of Kindness

II. Jesus Saw Four Men Who Wanted to Share Christ

Let us be like the Apostles!

"We cannot help speaking about what
we have seen and heard." (Acts 4:20)

Specifically **ANDREW**

1.) THE SOUL WINNERS TASK

“The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother...”

NOTICE THE WORD...**FIRST**

NOTICE THE WORD...**FIND**

“Every number found is one number that’s no longer lost.” **PBS**

NOTICE THE WORD...**Brother** (FAMILY)

2. THE SOUL-WINNER'S TESTIMONY

1. It was a Spoken Testimony:

“ Return to your home and recount the story of how many and great things God has done for you And the man departed, **proclaiming** throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.” LUKE 8:39

2. It was a **Simple Testimony**. Acts 8: 4-5

3.) It was a **Sure Testimony**.

4.) It was a **Sanctified Testimony**

James 1:5. “ If any of you is deficient in wisdom , let him ask of the giving God (who gives) to everyone liberally and it will be given.

3.) THE SOUL WINNERS TRIUMPH:

verse 42: "And he brought him to Jesus."

Matthew 14:34-36

III. The Lord Saw Four Men Who Wouldn't Give Up

"Don't be discouraged. It's often the last key in the bunch that opens the lock. "

"Wars are not won by evacuations."

~ Winston Churchill

There are thousands that tell you it cannot be
done,

There are thousands to prophesy failure;

There are thousands to point out to you one
by one,

The dangers that wait to assail you.

But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,

Just take off your coat and go to it;

Just start to sing as you tackle the thing

That "cannot be done", and you'll do it.

EDGAR GUEST