

GENUINE FAITH – 2
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REVIEW:

- John G. Lake testimony – bubonic plague. **ROMANS 8:2**
- Crossing the Red Sea. Israelites and Egyptians
- Bishop Gerald Glenn.
- Man who imitated Hagin’s testimony and died.
- Leaders must consider the weak. Esau and Jacob.

CONTINUE – MATTHEW 4

1. Genuine faith is not presumptuous or foolish. Jesus was tempted in all three realms.
 - A. Physical. **V1-4** – Even though the need was legitimate.
 - B. Soulful – **V5-7** – Even though Satan quoted scripture.
 - C. Spiritual. **V8-11** – Even though it was true.

2. Being foolish or presumptuous tempts God. **DEUTERONOMY 6:16**
 - A. **ACTS 19:13-20** – Satan is not afraid of fictitious faith.
 - B. **MARK 16:15-18** – Misuse of these verses have cost the lives of many.
 - Pastor Jamie Coots: Pentecostal snake handler. Lost his life when bitten by a rattlesnake during a service.
 - Pastor in Zimbabwe attempting to walk on water before his congregation was eaten by three hungry crocodiles in the process.
 - Four Korean girls attempted to walk on water and all drowned.
 - A Spirit filled believer (prophet) was on an African safari with church members. Wanting to show the members he had power over the animal kingdom, he left the vehicle and ran toward a pride of lions feasting on an impala. Viewing him as prey, they chased after him. Seeing there was no divine intervention, he raced back toward the vehicle and was bitten from behind on the buttocks. He was saved by the ranger who fired his gun and scared off the lions. He said “I don’t know what came over me. I thought the Lord wanted me to show His power over animals. Is it not we were given dominion over all the creatures of the earth?” This was foolishness, not faith.

3. Genuine faith is not foolishness, but what seems foolish can be genuine faith.
 - A. David before Goliath.
 - B. Marching around Jericho’s walls.
 - C. Sending praisers out to do battle.
 - D. Dipping in a river seven times.
 - E. Washing blind eyes at a pool.
 - F. Speak the Word only. **MATTHEW 8:5-13**

4. Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith.
 - A. **HEBREWS 12:1-2** – We all have a race to run and a course to finish. We all will be challenged along the way.
 - B. We must look to Jesus who is the author of our faith. If He doesn’t authorize it, He’s not required to complete it.