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**Date:** March 3, 2021, 10:00 AM

**Message:** *Effective Faith* Luke 17:11—18:34

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### *Road to the Resurrection*

Jesus continues to near His divine appointment in Jerusalem, and His ascension to glory (Lk 9:51). As He prepares His disciples, He expands their understanding of the Kingdom of God and the importance of *effective faith*.

#### ***A Visible Faith***

**Luke 17:11-19**

Recognizing our “unclean”-ness

Meeting Jesus

Obedience

**Plus: *Personal & Public***

Worship

Gratitude

Surrender of Life

#### ***A “Not for Show” Faith***

**Luke 17:20-37**

Jesus was the King “among them”

The Pharisees “observed” but didn’t see Him!

False messiah sightings would occur, then & now

**For His disciples: *Additional Insights***

Jesus’ coming would be later than they would like

He would suffer and be rejected by that generation

Jesus’ coming would be sudden, without time to prepare

Jesus’ coming would be visible, global, unmistakable

Jesus’ coming would take unbelievers in judgment

***A Praying Faith***

**Luke 18:1-14**

**A Parable for His disciples: Persist!**

God does hear and care for His elect!

Jesus is coming soon ... with speedy justice!

Will He find us trusting ... or will we have given up!?

**A Parable for the Pharisees: Repent!**

One prayer is proud and self-righteous

The tax collector is broken and repentant

He went home "justified!"

***Saving Faith***

**Luke 18:15-29**

Kingdom access (salvation) is by faith alone, or not at all!

Kingdom access (salvation) is not by being good

(this man loved his possessions more than God=sin)

Our good works can never achieve salvation

Only God can provide salvation!

Works because of salvation will see eternal reward

***Obedient Faith***

**Luke 18:30-34**

Jesus understood the cost of faith & obedience

The disciples did not and could not

We only understand the Gospel when God reveals it!