



In God We Trust?

John 4:46-54

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Hebrews 11:6

6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.-- (NIV)



⁴⁶ Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. ⁴⁷ When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death.

John 4:46–54



⁴⁸ "Unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "you will never believe." ⁴⁹ The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies." ⁵⁰ Jesus replied, "You may go. Your son will live." The man took Jesus at his word and departed. ⁵¹ While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living.



⁵² When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, "The fever left him yesterday at the seventh hour." ⁵³ Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he and all his household believed. ⁵⁴ This was the second miraculous sign that Jesus performed, having come from Judea to Galilee. (NIV)





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Keys To A Strong Faith

1. When Grief Strikes, Trust God.

John 4:46⁴⁶ Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum.-- (NIV)



A. The Rebuke of Superficial Faith

**John 4:48⁴⁸ “Unless you
people see miraculous signs
and wonders,” Jesus told him,
“you will never believe.”--
(NIV)**



John 4:48

48 Jesus put him off: "Unless you people are dazzled by a miracle, you refuse to believe."-- (The Msg)



John 2:23–25

²³ Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many people saw the miraculous signs he was doing and believed in his name. ²⁴ But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all men. ²⁵ He did not need man's testimony about man, for he knew what was in a man.-- (NIV)



What Is Wrong With Seeking A Sign?

1.) It Is Dishonoring to God.

Matthew 16:4⁴ A wicked and adulterous generation looks for a miraculous sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah.” Jesus then left them and went away.



1 John 5:10

10 . . . Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, . . . (ESV)



2.) It Is Deceiving to Man.

2 Thessalonians 2:9⁹ This man will come to do the work of Satan with counterfeit power and signs and miracles.--
(NLT)



29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." **30** Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. **31** But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.-- (NIV)

John 20:29–31



B. The Request For Supernatural Touch

John 4:47⁴⁷ When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged Jesus to come to Capernaum to heal his son, who was about to die.-- (NLT)



Psalm 37:39

**39 The salvation of the
righteous comes from the
LORD; he is their stronghold
in time of trouble.-- (NIV)**



Psalm 107:19

**19 Then they cried to the
LORD in their trouble,
and he saved them from
their distress.-- (NIV)**



2. When God Speaks, Trust God.

John 4:47⁴⁷ When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death.



John 4:50

⁵⁰ Jesus replied, "You may go. Your son will live." The man took Jesus at his word and departed.



A. You Have To Listen The Word.

Jeremiah 7:13¹³ While you were doing all these things, declares the LORD, I spoke to you again and again, but you did not listen; (NIV)



B. You Have To Believe The Word.

Romans 10:17¹⁷ So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.-- (KJV)

John 4:50⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Go, your son will live!" The man believed Jesus' words and went.-- (GNB)



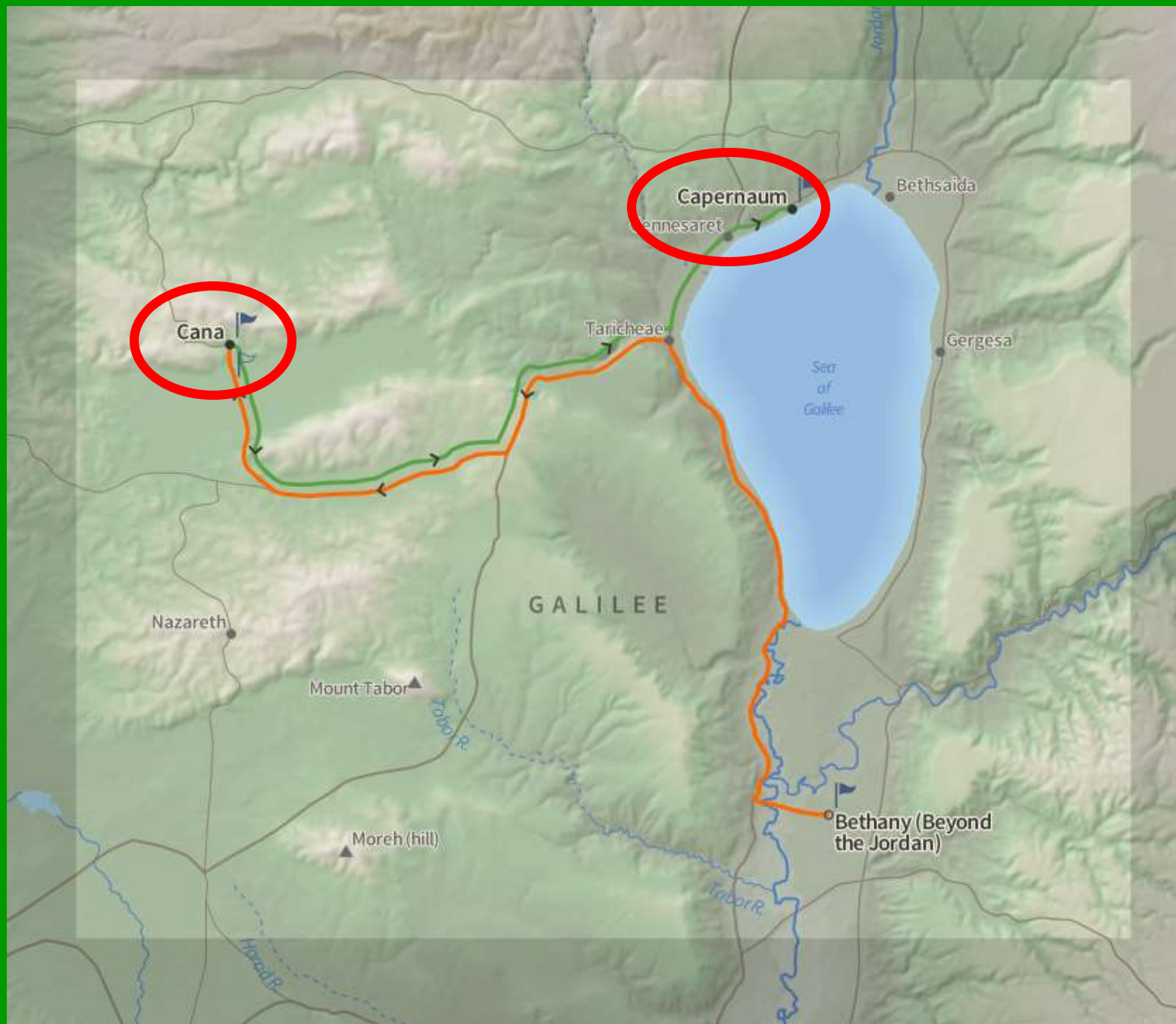
C. You Have To Obey The Word.

John 4:51⁵¹ On his way home his servants met him with the news, "Your boy is going to live!"-- (GNB)

3. When Grace Summons, Trust God.

John 4:53⁵³ The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." And he himself believed, and all his household.-- (ESV)





Acts 16:31³¹

They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.”-- (NIV)



John 2:24

**24 But Jesus didn't entrust his life to them. He knew them inside and out, knew how untrustworthy they were.--
(The Msg)**





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