

“According to your faith let it be to you”.
And their eyes opened up

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We have listened to the story of this miracle so many times, and so many times we have listened to the story of many other miracles that start with a plea for healing, with a plea for faith; but sometimes Jesus's question strikes more than the plea, as it happens in this case: **do you really believe that I am able to do this?**

It sounds strange, because if a blind man asks Him: “Lord have mercy on me, have mercy on us”, that means that he truly believes.

Maybe, through this question, the Lord wants to lead the listener, the suppliant, to an explicit, clear, absolute faith; He wants to lead the suppliant to another level of awareness.

We can think about our faith in the same way: certainly we are all persons of faith, you here listening to this homily, those who attend the mess, those who believe in God, but, **if we closely analyse our faith in our daily lives, we will discover that sometimes we are doubtful, uncertain...**

Maybe, even we cannot truly believe in the accomplishment of some things.

Let's, as an example, think about **sanctity**: how many times do you hear me say “beware, you have to become saints, the Lord wants you to become saints, the Lord has died in order to give us the gift of sanctity.”? When listening to this, people start vacillating, they start saying: “No, this is impossible, it's too hard... I am not a saint, I will never be able to live this way”...

Or, when we talk about the Beatitudes or other requests that seem to be too hard for us, **we doubt of the possibility to be able to live what the Lord asks us.**

There lies the lack of faith!

Because the Lord says: *according to your faith let it be to you.*

This means that also in our life of believers, everything we truly believe will become reality. This means that, if we intimately believe that we will be able to become saints, we will make it! If we intimately believe that we can be stronger than one of our passions, one of our weaknesses, we will make it.

Let's increase our faith, **let's formulate the act of faith**, like the two blind men: *do you believe that I can do this? Yes Lord, we do!*

Let's then believe, my dear! “Yes Lord, I believe that You will free me from all evil, passion, weakness... I believe Lord, and forward my weakness, my illness, my fragility, to Your power, to Your intervention, to Your mercy.”

May the Lord be praised