

Matthew 9:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.

Analysis

Jesus' action—"Then touched he their eyes"—shows personal, compassionate engagement. His words 'According to your faith be it unto you' directly link the healing to their faith, establishing the principle that God responds to trust. Faith is the channel through which divine power flows. The measure of healing corresponded to the measure of faith—they believed for complete healing and received it.

Historical Context

Jesus often used physical touch in healing, communicating personal care and power transfer. His statement about faith doesn't mean all illness results from lack of faith, but here rewards expressed trust. The healing validated their confession and demonstrated the kingdom's power.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does the principle 'according to your faith' challenge you to grow in trusting God?
2. What areas of your life need you to exercise bold faith for Jesus' touch?

Interlinear Text

τότε	ἥψατο	τῶν	ὀφθαλμῶν	αὐτῶν	λέγων,	Κατὰ	τὴν
Then	touched he	G3588	eyes	their	saying	According	G3588
G5119	G680		G3788	G846	G3004	G2596	
πίστιν	ὑμῶν	γεννηθήτω	ὑμῖν				
faith	to your	be it	unto you				
G4102	G5216	G1096	G5213				

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 15:28 (Faith): Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

Mark 10:52 (Faith): And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

Matthew 9:22 (Faith): But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

Matthew 8:13 (Faith): And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

Matthew 20:34 (Parallel theme): So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.