

# Message Note

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# Message Outline

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### **I. An EXHORTATION to Gospel Faith**

A. A Father's Plea (17:14-16)

B. The Disciple's Problem (17:17-19)

C. Faith's Power (1:20)

D. Faith's Principle

*What Jesus calls us to do, He will give us the power to do,  
in response to our faith.*

Living by faith involves ASKING (Mk. 9:24, James 4:2)

Living by faith involves ACTING (Heb. 12:1-3)

Living by Faith involves ACCEPTING (Mt. 26:39)

### **II. An EXAMPLE of Gospel Humility**

A. The Tax Collection: Will Jesus pay?

B. The Tax Conversation: Should Jesus pay?

C. The Tax Contribution: Why Jesus pays?

*A Christian is the most free lord of all, and subject to none.  
A Christian is the most dutiful servant of all and subject to everyone.*

*-- Martin Luther*

## Growth Group Understanding Questions

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1. Read Matthew 17:1-13. What was Raphael trying to do in *The Transfiguration of Jesus*? What are the comparisons and contrasts between the transfiguration and Jesus' healing of the demon-possessed son? Why does Matthew juxtapose these two scenes?
2. Now compare healing of the demon possessed son scene and the scene where Jesus pays taxes. How does each scene demonstrate Jesus' glory, but in different ways?
3. What is the disciples' problem in 17:14-20? What does Matthew 10:1 have to do with this passage? What do you make of Jesus' frustration in v. 17?
4. What was the tax mentioned in 17:24 all about? What is the reason Jesus is free from the tax? Why does Jesus pay the tax? What does this have to do with us?

## Growth Group Application Questions

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1. What was most challenging or new in the text/message this week?
2. Explain the statement "*What Jesus calls us to do, He will give us the power to do, in response to our faith.*" Does this mean we get everything we want in life if we just ask? What's the catch here?
3. How are you trying to live by faith in the roles, responsibilities, and trials that God has called you to? What are the mountains in front of you? What do you need to ASK for? How do you need to ACT? What do you or might you need to ACCEPT?
4. How does the Gospel create humility in our lives? How does knowing our Gospel identity as Son's enable us to not give up our rights and privileges? What might that look like in your life?