Believing Is Seeing
Mark 6.1-6

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

‘Where did this man get these things’? they asked. ‘What's this wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles! Isn't this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?’ And they took offense at him.

Jesus said to them, ‘Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor.’ He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. And he was amazed at their lack of faith.’  

How can I be sure not to miss out on God's best for my life? How can I avoid missing that door of opportunity which has been placed before me for me to walk through? How can I avoid limiting what God can do in my life, and thereby limiting what I can do through Christ?

In our text today, we see a contrast being drawn. It is like a key, which turned one way, can unlock the power of God; but turned the other, can lock it up. Turned one way, it is faith. Turned the other, it is unbelief.

Exposure to Jesus and the gospel is no guarantee of faith.

One wonders why Jesus had an inability to influence his own family.

What are the consequences of unbelief?

Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith.  

What is the solution for unbelief?

So faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.  

We need to meditate on the lord’s instruction: From A to Z (Psalm 119)

• We Need to See the Value of the Word of God

Psalm 119.1, 2, 9-11, 28, 72, 76-77, 89, 96, 98, 103, 105, 111, 129-130, 160, 165

• We Need to Make the Time for the Word of God

Psalm 119.16, 55, 58, 62, 97, 147-148, 164

• Then, and Only Then, We Will See God Work (It is not just willful determination)

Psalm 119.33-40