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Challenges & Opportunities of Faith in the Gospels
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Introductory Remarks

- the biblical notion of faith as covenantal and relational
- the vertical and horizontal elements of the life of faith
- “opportunities” and “challenges”: the most important things in life are ...

I. Gospel of Mark

- Jesus, the “Mystery of God”
- the “way” of the cross
- encouragement in the face of suffering and persecution
- failure does not have to have the last word

II. Gospel of Matthew

- Jesus, Emmanuel (God-with-us)
- disciples as “learners”
- the Torah of ‘greater righteousness’
- the *ekklēsia* and on-going presence of Christ

III. Gospel of Luke

- Jesus, the “anointed one”
- unique Lukan parables: pursued by God’s mercy
- *imitatio Dei*: forgiveness and generosity
- use of possessions as barometer of the spiritual life

IV. Gospel of John

- Jesus, the revelation of God’s love
- remaining/abiding
- foot washing humility and love
- doing “greater things” than Jesus?

Concluding Remarks