

FAITH, PART 1 (IDENTIFICATION)



Even as he spoke, many put their faith in him. John 8:30

Day 1: Using a thesaurus or dictionary, do a study of the word *faith*. List synonyms / antonyms / definitions.

Are these expressions synonymous? If no, how are they different?

- Do you *believe in* Santa Claus?
- I *have faith in* my doctor.
- I *trust in* the Food and Drug Administration.

Consider the different ways we use *faith*, *believe*, and *trust*. Do they vary in conviction? In strength? Are they interchangeable?

- I have faith that my car will get me where I need it to go.
- I believe that this investment is sound.
- I trust my friend. He/ø never let me down.
- I trust you are well and in good spirits.
- I trust you can do the job.

What are ways you use faith everyday? (For example, using a recipe, taking the ferry, etc.)

Day 2: Answer these questions.

- Is there a difference between spiritual and emotional faith?
- Are their degrees of faith?
- Do you øget it all ø at once, or does it øgrow ø?

Explain these descriptions. Do they help sharpen your understanding of what faith is?

- Ephesians 6:16
- 1 Thessalonians 5:8
- Hebrews 11:1
- 2 Corinthians 5:7

- Luke 18:15-17
- Psalm 85:10-11
- Mark 4:30-32

Day 3: Recap various aspects of faith in these passages:

- Ephesians 6:23
- 1 Timothy 1:18-19; 6:12
- Hebrews 12:1-2
- Matthew 13:58
- James 1:3
- Proverbs 28:20
- Ephesians 4:5

Day 4: Read examples of broken faith (i.e: betrayal, disloyalty, deception). Name the consequences that incurred as a result.

- Deuteronomy 32:48-52
- Joshua 22:16
- Malachi 2:10-16
- Mark 6:5-6
- Mark 16:14
- 1 Timothy 6:21

Day 5: Find things that one should *not* put their faith in. Write modern day examples that parallel with the ones given in these verses.

- Psalm 20:7; Psalm 44:6
- Psalm 49:6-7
- Psalm 62:10
- Proverbs 21:22; Jeremiah 5:17
- Jeremiah 7:12-15
- Jeremiah 48:7; Psalm 52:7
- Isaiah 42:17

Day 6: What types of people are not trustworthy? Do you agree with this list? What reasons can you give *not* to trust them?

- Micah 7:5-7
- Isaiah 31:1
- Jeremiah 13:25; Jeremiah 28:15
- Ezekiel 16:15
- Isaiah 47:10

Day 7: Read Jesus' story about the unjust steward in Luke 16:1-13. What does *trustworthiness* and *service* have in common?

Day 8: Name who / what is *safe* to trust. Can you add to the list presented in these passages?

- John 2:11
- Psalm 119:41-42
- Galatians 2:20-21
- Acts 14:21-22

- Psalm 31:23
- 1 Corinthians 2:3-5

Day 9: Using a thesaurus or dictionary, do a word study of the word *live / use*. List synonyms / antonyms / definitions.

Read Habakkuk 2:4. Using your word studies, how does one ölive by faithö? Think of areas in your daily schedule where you can utilize faith.

Day 10: Read Hebrews 11:32-40. List the ramifications (good and bad) of those men and women who lived by faith. Is a faith-life worth practicing if it could result in such dire consequences? Why or why not?

Day 11: Describe the faith used by each of these people in the passages below. In what ways do you reflect faithfulness to those around you?

- 2 Chronicles 19:8-9
- Luke 12:42-43 (Matthew 24:45-51)
- Numbers 12:6-8
- 1 Peter 4:19
- Philemon 1:5-6
- Revelation 2:10,13

Day 12: Summarize Luke 7:1-10. What type of faith did the Centurian use? Why did it impress Jesus? What was the result of the Centurianö's faith?

Day 13: Compare and contrast these types of faith:

- Joshua 2:2, 8-9, 12-14
- Joshua 24:14-15
- James 2:1-5

- 2 Timothy 4:7
- 2 Chronicles 34:8-12a
- Hebrews 10:22-24

Day 14: Retell Luke 5:17-26. How do the characters in the story show or do not show faith?

Day 15: Read these prayers about faith. Can you relate to any of them? Why is it important to raise such pleas?

- Luke 17:5
- Mark 9:23-24
- 2 Kings 20:3, Isaiah 38:3
- Psalm 143:1-2
- Matthew 15:22, 25

Day 16: Read Paul's autobiography in Acts 27:1, 9-44. Create a timeline of Paul's nautical voyage including his own journey of faith and the faith of his fellow travelers. Why was he so fearless in the face of very real danger?

Day 17: What emotion followed these faith incidences?

- Luke 17:11-19
- Luke 18:35-43
- Mark 10:46-52
- Ephesians 1:15; 3 John 1:3

Day 18: Outline the emotions/actions (as a result of faith) that take place in Acts 3:1-16.

Day 19: Read these statements of faith. Write a personal proclamation.

- Job 19:25-26
- Psalm 27:1
- Psalm 36:5
- Lamentations 3:22-23
- Psalm 57:2

Day 20: Read these examples of a working faith. How does your faith show itself in every day life?

- Philippians 2:17
- Romans 1:8, 12, 16-17
- 1 Timothy 6:10-11
- Acts 6:7; Acts 16:5
- Ephesians 4:11-16
- 1 John 5:4

Day 21: It isn't possible to lose your salvation. (See John 10:27-30.) But is it possible to lose your faith? Read these verses. Then name instances, if any, where you have lost faith in God, people, yourself.

- Colossians 1:21-23
- 1 Timothy 5:8
- Revelation 2:13
- John 12:42-43
- 2 Timothy 2:13-15

Day 22: What causes a lack of faith? Can you relate to any of these instances recorded in the Bible?

- Acts 13:6-11
- Psalm 78:35-37
- Luke 22:31-32
- Luke 8:22-25
- Matthew 21:18-22; James 1:6-8
- Matthew 13:53-58

Day 23: Read Luke 12:22-34. List the areas where worry can raise doubts and shake a person's faith. Which areas do you struggle with, if any?

Day 24: Name the benefits of faith and the consequences of faithlessness in these passages:

- Psalm 97:10
- Jeremiah 3:22
- Proverbs 2:8
- Ephesians 3:16-19
- Romans 1:31-32
- Matthew 25:21

Day 25: Read these passages and explain and explain how faith grows.

- 2 Thessalonians 1:3-11
- 1 Thessalonians 3:2-10
- 2 Peter 1:5-9
- Matthew 7:24-27

- Colossians 2:5-9

Day 26: Read the question in Romans 3:3. Then read and explain these passages to formulate your answer.

- Deuteronomy 7:9
- 2 Thessalonians 3:3
- Hebrews 2:14-18
- 1 John 1:9
- Nehemiah 9:33
- Psalm 86:15; 89:33
- Isaiah 25:1

Day 27: Read Jesus' story about a farmer: Matthew 13:1-8. Then reword the explanation as given in Matthew 13:18-23. Do you know people who fit any of the four types of scattered seeds? Which category defines you?

Day 28: What does a lifestyle of faith look like? Study these verses. Could your faith life be a role model for a new believer?

- Revelation 2:19
- Romans 1:8;
- 2 Timothy 1:3-5, 13
- Psalm 92:1-2
- Psalm 138:2-3

Day 29: What do these verses say to those who hold high positions, such as preachers, teachers, deacons? Are you a person in authority? How much more should a person in authority be held accountable in spiritual matters?

- 1 Corinthians 4:1-2
- Jeremiah 23:28
- 1 Timothy 3:8-13
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- 1 Timothy 4:6,12
- Titus 1:10-16 13
- 1 Peter 5:2-3

Day 30: What does it mean to be faithful? Site examples from these verses:

- 2 Chronicles 31:18
- 3 John 1:5-7
- Deuteronomy 11:13-15
- 2 Kings 22:3-7
- Psalm 101:3

Day 31: Make a practical list of how-tos of faithfulness from Romans 12:9-21. How many of these are you practicing now, which can be implemented immediately?