



March 8, 2026 "Faith—Our root system"
LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE—SERVE THE WORLD

**"Faith is our root, and Love is our fruit."
"A life built on faith and love is not storm-free,
but it is stormproof."**

Galatians 5:6b— "What is important is faith expressing itself in love."

✦ According to the Bible, belief has a much deeper meaning, connected to **trust**, followed by **action**.

✦ Just like Love without action is just words. Faith without works (actively trusting and obeying God) is dead. **James 2:26**

If we trust in what Jesus did for us on the cross, that same faith will propel us into our future.

Hebrews 11:1-3,6

✦ Faith motivates action because it makes the unseen future that God has planned for us as real and compelling as our current circumstances.

1. Faith: What *It Is* and What *It Is Not*.

- Faith is **not** about psychological certainty; nor is it pretending the storm isn't real.
- Faith **is** confidence in God's goodness and character as revealed in Scripture.

Saving Faith – When we first believed and put our trust in Jesus Christ as our Savior. **Ephesians 2:4-5,8**

✦ The same faith that **saved** you is the same faith that will **sustain** you.

Sustaining Faith – Continued trust in the character, word, and work of God, regardless of circumstances.

2. Faith grows by hearing and obeying God's Word. **Rom.12:3b NKJV**

✦ Praying alone does not generate faith, but it *strengthens* and *builds* the faith we already possess.

*Faith does not simply grow without nourishment; it is **not** something we cling to when we see the cross and then abandoned when we experience loss.*

Matthew 11:15, Matthew 7:24-27

✦ Faith is not simply agreeing with God's Word; it's a confident response lived out.

1 John 5:4...this is the victory that has overcome the world—our FAITH.

2 Corinthians 5:1-9 ...our ultimate goal in life is to be pleasing to God.