
Radical Faith – Part 1 Study Helps

5-Day Devotional: Radical Faith for Everyday Living

Day 1: The Power of Choosing to Believe

Reading: Mark 9:17-27

Devotional: "All things are possible to him who believes." These words from Jesus aren't suggestions—they're invitations to a radical way of living. You were created with the capacity to believe. God hasn't excluded anyone from the privilege of faith. The disappointments of yesterday don't determine your faith today. Your faith isn't built on past experiences but on His unchanging Word. When the father cried, "I believe; help my unbelief," Jesus didn't reject him—He moved on his behalf. Today, make the intentional decision to believe. Don't let circumstances dictate your faith; let your faith transform your circumstances. You are built to believe.

Reflection Question: What disappointment has been holding back my faith, and how can I choose to believe God's Word over that experience today?

Day 2: Faith That Overcomes the World

Reading: 1 John 5:1-5

Devotional: You are a world overcomer. Not because of your strength, education, or resources, but because you believe that Jesus is the Son of God. The world will constantly try to pull you into doubt, fear, and worry. People may even be offended when you refuse to join them in their unbelief. But God has positioned you in heavenly places with Christ, giving you a different perspective. From that vantage point, the mountains that seem immovable become opportunities for God to demonstrate His power. The victory that overcomes the world is your faith. Don't complicate it by trying to reason with God. Simply believe what He has said and watch Him work.

Reflection Question: What "mountain" in my life needs to be viewed from heaven's perspective rather than earth's circumstances?

Day 3: Mustard Seed Faith Moves Mountains

Reading: Matthew 17:14-21

Devotional: Jesus said faith the size of a mustard seed can move mountains. That's incredibly small faith with incredibly big results. Nothing—absolutely nothing—will be impossible for you. The issue isn't the size of your problem; it's whether you'll engage your faith. Stop looking at how big the obstacle is and start declaring what God has said. Faith isn't about shouting louder or trying harder, it's about believing Him for one minute more than you doubt. When banks say no, when doctors give bad reports, when circumstances scream impossibility, faith whispers, "With God, nothing is impossible." You don't need perfect faith; you need persistent faith. Keep that mustard seed faith active and watch what God will do.

Reflection Question: What "impossible" situation in my life needs mustard seed faith applied to it today?

Day 4: Walking by Faith, Not by Sight

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:1-7; Hebrews 11:1-6

Devotional: Without faith, it is impossible to please God. This means that no matter how much you serve, give, or sacrifice, if you're operating without faith, you're missing what delights the father's heart. Walking by faith is an intentional, daily decision. It's choosing to see from God's perspective when your natural eyes see something different. Faith declares, "God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." You're not trapped in generational cycles or past failures. You're a cycle breaker. Every morning when you wake up, engage your faith before you check your circumstances. Declare His promises over your family, finances, health, and future. Faith isn't passive—it's active obedience to what God has spoken.

Reflection Question: How can I intentionally "walk by faith" from the moment I wake up tomorrow morning?

Day 5: When the Son of Man Returns

Reading: Luke 18:1-8

Devotional: Jesus asked a piercing question: "When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?" As we approach His return, doubt will increase, but so can your faith. Jesus isn't

asking if He'll find religion, programs, or buildings—He's looking for faith. Will He find it in you? Your answer should be a resounding yes. You are not defined by the doubt around you or the unbelief in the culture. You are a believer—24/7, 365 days a year. Faith isn't about being special; it's about being obedient to what God has said. Let God into the vision room of your mind. Stand on His Word and don't move. When Jesus returns, let Him find radical, unwavering faith in you.

Reflection Question: If Jesus returned today, what evidence of active, radical faith would He find in my life?

Weekly Challenge: Choose one promise from Scripture this week and declare it daily over your life. Write it down, speak it aloud, and refuse to let circumstances talk you out of believing it. Faith is a choice—choose to believe.

Scripture References from the Sermon

Explicitly Mentioned Scripture References:

1. **Luke 18:8** - "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"
2. **Hebrews 11:6** - "Without faith it is impossible to please God; he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him"
3. **2 Corinthians 5:7** - "For we walk by faith and not by sight"
4. **Romans 1:17** - "The just shall live by faith"
5. **1 John 5:4-5** - "Whatever is born of God overcomes the world; this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?"
6. **Matthew 17:20** - "If you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you"
7. **Matthew 19:26** - "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible"

Alluded to or Paraphrased:

8. **Mark 9:23** - "All things are possible to him who believes" (referenced multiple times)
9. **1 Peter 5:7** - "Cast all your care upon Him, for He cares for you"
10. **Romans 10:9-10** - "If you confess with your mouth and believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved"
11. **Ephesians 2:6** - The concept of being "seated in heavenly places" (referenced as being "beamed up" to see from heaven's perspective)
12. **Psalms 34:7** - Angels encamped around believers (alluded to in closing)

Relevant Supporting Verses for Main Themes:

- **Hebrews 11:1** - "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen"
- **Mark 11:22-24** - "Have faith in God... whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it."
- **James 1:6-8** - Asking in faith without doubting
- **Proverbs 3:5-6** - Trust in the Lord and lean not on your own understanding
- **2 Corinthians 4:18** - Looking at things not seen, which are eternal

Personal and Small Group Study Guide: Radical Faith

Opening Prayer

Begin with prayer asking God to open your hearts and minds to His Word and to strengthen faith in the group.

Icebreaker Question

Share about a time when you had to believe for something that seemed impossible.

Key Takeaways from the Sermon

1. **We Are Built to Believe:** Every person on the planet has been created with the capacity to walk in God's faith, regardless of background, age, or culture.
 2. **Faith is a Daily Choice:** Faith isn't just for salvation or Sunday—it's for every single day and every circumstance we face.
 3. **God is Looking for Faith:** Jesus asked, "When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8)
 4. **Without Faith, It's Impossible to Please God:** Hebrews 11:6 reminds us that God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.
 5. **We Are Overcomers:** 1 John 5:4-5 declares that whoever believes Jesus is the Son of God overcomes the world.
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Discussion Questions

Understanding Faith

1. The pastor said, "Faith functions through an act of my will." What does this mean practically? How does this differ from how we might naturally think about faith?
2. Read **Matthew 17:20**. Why do you think Jesus used a mustard seed as His example? What does this tell us about the amount of faith needed?
3. Discuss the statement: "The hardest part of **Hebrews 11:6** for people to believe is the 'rewarder' part." Why might this be true?

Obstacles to Faith

4. The sermon mentioned that disappointments in life often stop people from expecting good things. How have past disappointments affected your faith? How can we overcome this?
5. What does it mean to "walk by faith and not by sight" (**2 Corinthians 5:7**) in practical, everyday terms?
6. The pastor mentioned that people often want to bring you into their doubt and are offended if you don't worry with them. Have you experienced this? How do you respond in faith while still being compassionate?

Living in Faith

7. Read **Matthew 19:26**: "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." What "impossible" situation are you currently facing? How does this verse speak to that situation?
 8. The sermon stated, "I am to live in a consistent walk with the Lord where I'm operating in faith on a daily basis." What would this look like in your Monday morning? Your Wednesday afternoon? Your Friday evening?
 9. Discuss this quote from the sermon: "What God is looking for is somebody who will step out over the aching void of nothingness with nothing under their feet but the Word of God." What does this radical faith look like?
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Practical Applications

This Week's Faith Challenge

Choose one or more of these practical steps to take this week:

1. **Morning Faith Declaration**: Each morning this week, before checking your phone or looking at circumstances, declare one promise from God's Word over your life.
 2. **Identify Your Mountain**: Write down one "impossible" situation you're facing. Find three scriptures that speak to that situation and commit to standing on them daily.
 3. **Faith Journal**: Keep a daily record of:
 - Where you chose faith over doubt
 - Scriptures you're standing on
 - Evidence of God's faithfulness (even small things)
 4. **Break a Cycle**: Identify one doubt pattern or "cycle" from your past or family history. Declare by faith that you are a cycle-breaker and write out what the new pattern will look like.
 5. **Encourage Someone Else's Faith**: Reach out to someone who is struggling and speak faith into their situation instead of joining them in worry.
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Scripture Memory

Choose one to memorize this week:

- "All things are possible to him who believes." (**Mark 9:23**)
 - "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith." (**1 John 5:4**)
 - "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." (**Hebrews 11:6**)
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Personal Reflection Questions

Take 5 minutes of quiet time for personal reflection:

1. On a scale of 1-10, how would I rate my current level of faith?
 2. What specific area of my life needs a faith breakthrough?
 3. What lie have I been believing that contradicts God's Word?
 4. What would change in my life if I truly believed God's promises?
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Prayer Time

Pray together as a group:

- Thank God that He has created each person with the capacity to believe.
 - Ask for grace to choose faith over doubt daily.
 - Pray specifically for the "impossible" situations group members shared.
 - Declare together that you are overcomers through faith in Jesus.
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Closing Declaration

Read together as a group:

"I am a believer. I choose to believe God's Word over my circumstances. I am not trapped by past failures or disappointments. I am a cycle-breaker. God is a rewarder of those who

diligently seek Him, and I am seeking Him. Nothing is impossible with God. I walk by faith and not by sight. I am a world overcomer because I believe Jesus is the Son of God. This week, I will engage my faith daily, expecting God to work in every situation I face."

Before Next Week

- Share with the group one faith victory from this week.
 - Be prepared to discuss how your perspective changed when you chose faith over doubt.
 - Bring testimonies of God's faithfulness, no matter how small.
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Leader Tip: Create a loving environment where people can honestly share their battle with doubt while encouraging them toward faith. Avoid making anyone feel condemned for their doubts; instead, point them to the truth of God's Word and His faithfulness. (Love and Truth).