

Connect Series
“Faith Connection”
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There is nothing more important or of greater value in our lives than our faith.

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-6; 12:1-2a (ESV)

Faith is used in two ways as it pertains to the life of a believer:

1. Our relationship with God.
2. What we believe about God.

Our faith IN God is what connects us TO God.

Four Faith Connections

1. We are saved by grace, through faith.

Scripture: Ephesians 2:8-9

Grace is the unmerited favor of God that is undeserved and unearned.

Faith is our response to God.

2. We are made right with God through faith.

Scripture: Romans 1:16-17

3. We live out our lives through faith.

Scripture: 2. Corinthians 5:7

4. We both believe and receive by faith!

- We believe for and receive healing by faith.

Scripture: Matthew 8:13; Mark 5:34

- We believe for and receive deliverance by faith.

Scripture: Mark 9:23-25

Since there is nothing more important or of greater value in our lives than our faith, it is not only reasonable, but biblical to realize that it (our faith) will be attacked and tested.

1. In the garden

Scripture: Genesis 3:1-7

The enemies plan to attack our faith includes:

A. Distraction

B. Doubt

C. Deception

D. Destruction

2. In the desert

A. Luke 4:1-13

The enemies plan to attack our faith includes:

A. Temptation and testing

B. Distraction

C. Doubt

D. Deception

E. Destruction

Scripture: Romans 10:17; Psalm 119:11

Our walk with God is strengthened more in the trying times rather than the triumphant ones.

Let the truth God speaks to you override the enemies lies about you!

3. In the garden.

Scripture: Matthew 26:36-39

Sometimes faith isn't about exiting, it's about enduring.

4. In the unknown

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-5

God always wants to stretch your faith in order for us to grow; otherwise, we would likely be comfortable staying where we are!

There is a blessing in the unknown!

The way of faith isn't void of trials and tribulations. Faith that isn't tried is a faith that never matures.

You grow in pain, not pleasure!

Scripture: James 1:2-4

Great testimonies of faith come out of great times of testing!

Jesus is looking for faith!

Two things Jesus marvels at:

The absence of faith.

Scripture: Mark 6:6

Scripture: Luke 8:22-25

The presence of faith

Scripture: Luke 7:9