

The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a wall or a large piece of fabric, in shades of brown and black. In the foreground, the curved, dark leather back of a couch is visible, adding a sense of depth and texture to the scene.

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Part 2: Do You Think
I Can Do This?



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4 WEEKS 4 QUESTIONS

- Why Are You So Afraid?
- Do You Believe I Can Do This?
- Do You Want to Be Well?
- Why Do You Doubt?

That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." 36 Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. 37 A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. 38 Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" 39 He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. 40 He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" 41 They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Mark 4:35-41



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As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" 28 When [Jesus] had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" "Yes, Lord," they replied. 29 Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you"; 30 and their sight was restored... Matthew 9:27-30

WHAT KIND OF FAITH HONORS GOD?

1. FAITH THAT BELIEVES WHEN IT DOESN'T SEE.

Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.

Hebrews 11:1 NLT

When [Jesus] had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" "Yes, Lord," they replied. Matthew 9:28

2. FAITH THAT PERSISTS WHEN NOTHING CHANGES.

Be persistent in prayer, and keep alert as you pray, giving thanks to God. Colossians 4:2 GNT



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3. FAITH THAT WORKS WHEN IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.

You see that [Abraham's] faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. James 2:22

Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ... 2 Corinthians 4:4 NLT



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REACH GUIDE

Main Idea:

It's better to live blind with the faith that God can do anything, than to see and have no faith.

Key Questions:

- *What does the size of your requests to God reveal about the strength of your faith in Him?*
- *Think of a time when you put faith in God to do something big. How did He respond and what did you learn?*
- *What will you do this week to move away from what's familiar and toward a blind faith that honors God?*
- *What do you think might be hindering you from having the kind of faith that honors God?*
- *Describe a situation you're going through that requires faith to endure. Are you more focused on what you can do or what you can't do?*

Next Steps:

- *What's one burden God has given you that you need to do something about? What step of faith will you take this week?*



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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Step away from the familiar and grow the kind of faith that honors God by reading and talking over the following Bible passages this week.

Day 1: *Matthew 9:27-30*

Day 2: *Romans 10:14-17*

Day 3: *Hebrews 11:1-40*

Day 4: *MArk 9:14-29*

Day 5: *2 Corinthians 4:1-6*

Day 6: *James 2:14-26*

Day 7: *Colossians 4:2-6*

PART 3:
Do You
Want To
Be Well?