

RIDICULOUS FAITH (PART 2)

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My righteous one will **live by faith**. **Hebrews 10:38 (NIV)**

For we **live by faith**, not by sight. **2 Corinthians 5:7 (NIV)**

Now **faith is** confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. **Hebrews 11:1-3 (NIV)**

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Five Things You Need To Know About Faith

1. WHAT IS FAITH?

Now faith is **confidence** in what we **hope for** and **assurance** about **what we do not see**. **Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)**

Now faith is the **substance** of things **hoped for**, the **evidence** of **things not seen**. **Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV)**

Little Faith + Strong Substance = Great Results
Big Faith + Weak Substance = Small Results

What Faith Is Not...

- **Faith is not God.**
- **Faith is not positive thinking.**
- **Faith is not the power to twist God's arm.**
- **Faith is not a feeling**

Faith is acting like God is telling the truth!

Dr. Tony Evans says: Faith is acting like it is so even when it is not so, in order that it might be so simply because God said so.

2. WHY DO YOU NEED FAITH?

And without faith **it is impossible to please God**, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. **Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)**

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and **believe in your heart** that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **Romans 10:9 (NIV)**

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3. HOW DO YOU GET FAITH?

So faith comes **from hearing**, that is, **hearing the Good News about Christ**. **Romans 10:17 (NLT)**

4. HOW DO YOU GET YOUR FAITH TO WORK?

Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by **action**, is dead. **James 2:17 (NIV)**

Faith, if it does not have **works** [to back it up], is by itself dead [inoperative and ineffective]. **James 2:17 (AMP)**

Eight Obstacles To Our Faith:

- Human reasoning
- Living by sight
- Surrendering to our feelings
- Negative people
- Fear of failure
- Neglecting the Word
- Living in sin
- Satan's lies

5. HOW CAN YOU MAKE YOUR FAITH STRONGER?

Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that **when your faith is tested**, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

James 1:2-4 (NLT)