

## RIDICULOUS FAITH

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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)**

### 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)**

### 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)**