

“Our Faith”

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James 1:2-8 (NLT)

² Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. ³ For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. ⁴ So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing. ⁵ If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. ⁶ But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷ Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸ Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.

4 Aspects of Faith.

1. The **Time** for Faith in **NOW**.

Matthew 15:28 (ESV)

²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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2. The **Source** of Faith is the Word.

Romans 10:17 (NLT)

¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.

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3. The **Focus** of Faith is on Jesus.

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NLT)

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. ² We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.

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4. The **Consequence** of faith is Victory.

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1 John 5:3-5 (NLT)

³ Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. ⁵ And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

The time is **NOW**!

Our **Source** of faith is God’s Word!

We **center** our faith on Jesus!

We can be **assured** through faith in Jesus - Victory is yours!

“Lord, increase our faith!”