

Lesson 8: Having Faith

A. Why faith in God is necessary both for salvation and growth in your relationship with God

1. Hebrews 11:1-3,6 What does the author of the Book of Hebrews tell us about the importance of faith?
2. According to the Apostle Paul, how are we saved from the power and penalty of sin? Romans 5:1-2
3. John 3:16 Why is believing in Jesus as your personal Savior an act of faith? (see also John 20:24-29)

B. Getting started on our journey with God

1. What good news did the Apostle Paul share about faith? Romans 12:3, Ephesians 2:8, etc.
2. In the light of these inspired testimonies, how should a person get started on their journey with God? Matthew 7:7 (for the gift or awareness?)
3. When did you first notice that you were learning to have faith in God?
4. What can we learn from the story recorded in Mark 9:20-27 about how our faith in God can become stronger?
5. Share a time when your faith in God grew stronger when you trusted God's Word rather than your feelings.

C. The teaching of Jesus about faith

1. What remarkable promises did Jesus give to those who choose to have faith in God? Luke 17:6, Matthew 17:20 (What is Jesus saying here?)
2. What stories in the life of Jesus illustrate the importance of faith in God? Mark 4:35-41, Matthew 15:21-28, Luke 7:1-10, Luke 7:36-50, etc.

D. Examples of men and women of faith

1. Hebrews 11:4-7, 8-11, 13-16, 17-22, 23-29, 30-40 Why did the Holy Spirit inspire the author of the Book of Hebrews to list all these examples of men and women of faith? (Romans 15:4)
2. Which of these examples of men and women of faith impacts you the most?
3. Where is God impressing you to step out in faith at this time in your life?
4. Holding fast to the faith of Jesus
5. How does John describe God's faithful people in the last days of earth's history? Revelation 14:12
6. Which commandments of God is the Apostle John referring to here?
7. What does it mean to keep "the faith of Jesus"? Jude 3-4, Matthew 28:18-19, Acts 20:27-30
8. How can we identify those who are seeking to lead us away from the faith of Jesus? Matthew 7:15-23, 2 Timothy 2:15, John 16:13, etc.
9. How is it possible to keep "the faith of Jesus"?