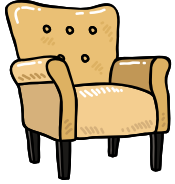


Find
Assurance
in
Trusting
Him

What do we mean by Faith?



WE ALL LIVE BY FAITH: WE TRUST THAT THE CHAIR WE SIT ON WON'T COLLAPSE UNDER US, THAT OUR PARENTS HAVEN'T POISONED OUR BREAKFAST CEREAL IN THE MORNING, THAT WHEN WE GO THROUGH A TRAIN TUNNEL WE'LL COME OUT THE OTHER SIDE. THINK OF ANY THREE THINGS YOU BELIEVE WITHOUT QUESTIONING. WHY DO YOU BELIEVE THEM?



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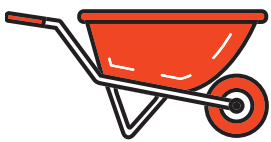


HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE WHAT FAITH IN GOD MEANS TO SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T BELIEVE IN GOD?

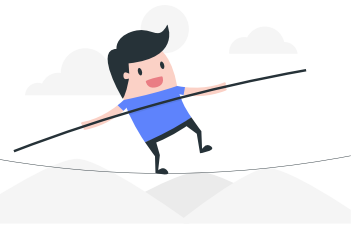


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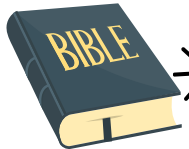
In the summer of 1859, Charles Blondin famously walked 160 feet above Niagara Falls several times back and forth between Canada and the United States as huge crowds on both sides looked on with wonder. He didn't merely walk: he crossed in a sack, on stilts, on a bicycle and he even cooked on a stove up there. On July 15, Blondin walked backward across the tightrope to Canada and returned pushing a wheelbarrow.



He asked the amazed crowds for some audience participation. It is said that he asked his audience, "Do you believe I can carry a person across in this wheelbarrow?" Of course the crowd shouted that yes, they believed! Then that Blondin posed the question - "Who will get in the wheelbarrow?" No-one did.

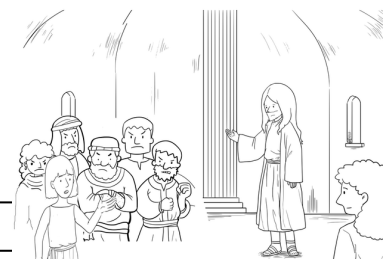


What point is this story trying to make about faith?



Now read Mark 6:1-6

What point is this story trying to make about faith and lack of faith?



DISCUSS: Have you ever doubted in God's power in your life? Do you know others who have doubts? Why do you think that is? What makes it difficult for people to accept God as Someone who cares deeply about you and wants the maximum of your happiness? Why do you think people find it hard to talk about faith with others sometimes?



WATCH BOBBY ANGEL'S VIDEO: "WHAT DO WE MEAN BY FAITH?" (6:56 MINS)



Faith is more than just i_____ e.g. "I know facts about a person".

It's more than e_____ e.g. "Yeah, I believe that".

Faith is not contrary to the m_____.

Faith is a real g_____ from God. I can know things intellectually about God, but to t_____ is really a gift from God. God is the One a_____ first and then we r_____ to it.

Faith is trusting in something o_____ of yourself. Example: we can have the b_____ that an airplane will fly. Faith is the trust of actually g_____ on that a_____.

I may understand that God is g_____ and loving. Trust is actually putting my life i_ H__ h_____ and allowing Him to guide my d_____.

When trust is broken we can lose faith in a p_____ or a r_____. If I feel hurt by life, I can lose faith in G_____.

Faith is not a b_____ l_____; it's not against all e_____.

We may not know what the next s_____ is, and we're never going to have c_____ 100% of anything in this life. Like Mother Teresa I may never have c_____, but we can have f_____ and the t_____ that



"I never had clarity; what I have always had is trust."
- Mother Teresa -

God will redirect me if I'm not on the right path."

God says to us: I know you better than you k_____ y_____. Do you trust me? Do you have f_____ that I'm going to deliver on my p_____ for your goodness even if it looks totally d_____ than you imagined?"

God is f_____; we are not. We struggle, we fall, we d_____, we d_____.

God's ways are not o__ w____. He is God, we are n_____.

Practicing faith means acknowledging "I'm not in c_____ of everything." That takes h_____.

God the Father can be t_____, He knows you by n_____ and He has great p_____ for you.



CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING SCRIPTURE VERSES ABOUT FAITH. WRITE OUT THE ONE THAT SPEAKS THE MOST TO YOU AND THEN PUT IT ON A POST-IT TOO THAT YOU CAN KEEP SOMEWHERE YOU WILL SEE IT EVERY DAY FOR THE WEEK AHEAD!

- [Hebrews 11:1](#)
- [2 Corinthians 5:7](#)
- [Proverbs 3:5-6](#)
- [Matthew 17:20](#)
- [Matthew 21:22](#)
- [Mark 10:52](#)



PERSONAL TESTIMONY:

CHECK OUT THERESE'S STORY OF HOW HER FAITH IN GOD HAS REALLY IMPACTED HER LIFE ON THE HOLY FAMILY MISSION YOUTUBE CHANNEL



REFLECT



Take some time out this week to pray to the Lord. If your faith is strong, thank God for that. If you're struggling, ask God to increase your faith. If you find it hard to believe in His goodness or His plan for your life, bring that to Him in honest heart-felt prayer. Why not journal your thoughts?

CREATE A PLAYLIST TO LISTEN TO IN TIMES OF STRUGGLES IN FAITH:



- [What faith can do \(Kutless\)](#)
- [Walk by Faith \(Jeremy Camp\)](#)
- [Nothing I hold onto \(Will Reagan\)](#)
- [Your Promises \(Elevation Worship\)](#)

Click the links for the YouTube videos to listen to some suggestions!

