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Faith

- Faith goes beyond simply acknowledging that God exists – and goes into trusting God
- True genuine faith abandons self-effort and all human reliance and clings to dependence on God, in His action, His character and His word.
- A lot of times when faith is mentioned Jesus is commenting on the state of someone's faith
- The word faith gets mentioned 42 times in the gospels and over 400 throughout the whole Bible
- John is one of the gospels that doesn't use the word faith
- What's difference between trust and faith?

Mustard Seed – Luke 17:5-10

- This is the smallest of seeds - Luke 13:19
- Jesus focus was having faith in all things even the little things in life
- The disciples don't need more faith but the right kind of faith
- A small amount of faith can do miracles
- Jesus then goes into being a servant
- The faithful attitude of a servant

Fig Tree - Mark 11:22-24

- This was a fig tree that Jesus had dried up for an illustration
- This is a rare occasion where Jesus kills something in the gospels
- Figs mention the Nation of Israel in the Old Testament – Jer. 8:13, Hos. 9:10
- Israel is dried up and is nothing but leaves
- Jesus looking at the dead leaves here says “have faith in God
- This is living in an attitude of dependance on Him or constantly trusting God

Someone's Faith Making Them Well - Luke 18:38-42

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- This Jesus still doing the healing
- Yet it is because the man has faith that Jesus heals him
- Contrast this with the rich young ruler and this poor beggar – Mark 10:17-27
- Jesus has made statements like this throughout the gospels – Luke 17:19, Luke 8:48, Luke 7:50, Luke 5:20 and Mark 2:5

Peter asking to walk on water - Matthew 14:31

- O you of little faith, why did you doubt
- The wind blows and Peter becomes fearful
- Jesus explains, it's not his lack of buoyancy but instead the lack of faith

Other Scriptures

Hebrews 11:1-3

Romans 10:17

Luke 8:22-25

Romans 5:1,2

Luke 12:28, Mathew 6:30

Mathew 23:23

Hebrews 11:6

Ephesians 2:8-9

2 Corinthians 5:7

Galatians 2:20

For further study

James 2:14-26, James 1:5-8, Habakkuk 2:4, 1 Timothy 6:12, Romans 14:1, Luke 7:9, Romans 1:17, Romans 3:27-31, 1 Peter 1:6-9, Psalm 12:1, Genesis 24:27,