



## **“Never Let Fear Destroy Your Faith”**

**Matt. 17:14-21; Mk. 4:40; Lk. 17:5,6; Rom. 10:17**

During these turbulent times filled with doubt, anxiety, and fear even Christians are feeling the impact on their faith. There are countless faith filled, Holy Ghost guided, saved folks whose faith is being severely tested during this uncertain moment in history. People say, “I know that I should have faith, and I want faith. But how do I get it? That is my problem.” Even Jesus’ disciples who knew Him personally and witnessed His miraculous powers at times had their faith challenged and asked Jesus’ “to give them more faith, increase their faith.” It is no disgrace or sin to question your level of faith, but it is deadly when you do not develop your faith and trust in God.

This morning’s message is a simple, none inclusive, process or outline to help you develop and/or increase your faith. For the next several weeks, or how ever long it’s necessary, read and meditate on the following steps to enhance your faith.

### **I. Start Where You Are In Your Faith**

Ask yourself, “How absolutely honest is this little faith that I do have?” Ask essential questions to get down to your faith level. “ Do I believe in God? Do I believe in Jesus? Do I Believe that God and Jesus are with me and that They will help me? Do I believe in myself.” Belief in a few basic realities is the important factor in building faith. Simply believe that Jesus Christ is with you, helping you now, and through Him your life can be changed!!! Start Where You Are!!

Faith Builder: Matthew 17:14-21

### **II. Really Want To Have Faith?**

Ask yourself, “How far am I willing to go down the sometimes hard road to develop this faith? Can I exercise the discipline and the effort required to develop faith? Have I got what it takes, when under spiritual attack, to call on my faith?”

Faith Builder: Pro. 23:7; John 1:12; Jere. 33:3

### **III. Faith Is A Fight, A Struggle**

Develop the capacity to believe. This requires struggle, because it runs contrary to harbor negativisms which give rise to fear. Remember that doubt will try to confuse you and make you think that faith is an illusion.

Faith Builder: I Tim. 6:12; I John 5:4; II Tim.4:7

#### IV. Keep Jesus In Mind

As you struggle and fight against doubts in attempting to grow a strong faith, great help will come if you keep Jesus always in mind. Jesus loves you and will see you through.

Faith Builder: John 14:16; 3:16; II Thess. 3:3; Heb. 12:1,2

#### V. Live The Life Of Prayer

It is not possible to develop a strong faith without prayer. We learn to pray by praying. Pray and pray regularly.

Faith Builder: I Thes. 5:17 Ps. 55:17; Mk. 11:24; Lk. 18:1; James 5:16

#### VI. Know That God Loves You

If any doubts arise, re-affirm and reiterate God's love and hold to that thought until you know it for a fact.

Faith Builder: Ps. 145:9; I John 4:8,19; Jere. 31:3; Eph 3:17-19

#### VII. Remember God Watches Over You

Never forget that whatever your circumstances you can be sure that God watches over you. Because He loves you, and since God is love, you can be confident that you are never out of His sight.

Faith Builder: Ps. 56:11; 139: 9,10;145:18; Pro. 3:5,6; I Pet. 5:6,7

#### VIII. Stand Up To Your Fears With Faith

Fear is very strong, but faith is much stronger. Faith can actually cancel out fear.

Faith Builder: Ps. 23:4; 27:1-3; Is. 41:13; I Cor. 16:13; I Jn. 4:18

#### IX. Practice Your Faith

Continuous practice is required!! Read inspiring books, speak with positive people, watch your attitude, and saturate your mind with God's possibilities.

Faith Builder: Ps. 126:3; Pro.2:7; Ez.36:26

#### X. Learn To Trust

Trust God to handle your life and guide you in all things.

Faith Builder: Nahum 1:7 II Sam. 22:3; Isa. 12:2; Ps. 71:5 Job 13:15

#### XI. Commit Yourself

This is the key to knowing that you have sustainable faith – Commit Yourself Daily To God and Christ.

Faith Builder: Ps. 37:5; Romans 10:9,10; Heb. 3:14

You now have eleven steps to study and improve or develop your Faith. Learn these simple truths and then "Stand Up To Your Fears With Faith."

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