

Impossible Faith: What is Faith?

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Question: What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think about the topic of faith?

A lot of people define faith as the effort to believe what your common sense tells you is not true.

Questions: How could this be a definition of superstition? Do you agree or disagree? Why?

Faith is something that is already a part of your everyday life.

It is confidence or trust in a person, thing, or concept.

Read Hebrews 11:6

Faith = trust in God.

In the New Testament, there is only the one Greek word *pistis* that is translated “faith, trust or belief.” It means “a strong confidence in or reliance upon.”

A good question: “Do you believe in God?” Many people would answer “Yes” but it is not enough.

Read James 2:19; 24

A better question: Have you trusted your life to Jesus?

Question: What are some of the differences between believing in God and trusting in Him?

It’s not just enough to believe.

You have to put your weight on what you believe.

Question: How is trust and relationship connected?

Faith, trust, confidence in God grows out of a relationship with God.

Read Genesis 5:21–24; Hebrews 11:5-6

Questions: What is unique about Enoch’s life to the others on the list in Genesis 5? How does his life exemplify faith?

If we will get to know Jesus, our faith in Jesus will grow.

Question: What is one step or change you can make that will help you get to know Jesus more?

If we trust people, we get what people can do.

If we trust money, we get what money can do.

If we trust ourselves, we get what we can do.

If we trust God, we get what only God can do.

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