

# Faith

## Chapter 1

Now that we have introduced you to God, Christianity, and most importantly the most important command of the Lord: Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, we need to expand on all of it.

But first we must discuss what is necessary to bring it all together and that is FAITH. For without faith, you can do nothing, God can do nothing and the Holy Spirit can do nothing for you. FAITH is what it takes to make everything work.

And to have faith, you must first understand what it is, how to get it, how to build it and finally how to live in it. Thus lets look at what is faith.

### Decisions

JOS 24:14 "Now fear the LORD and serve Him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. [15] But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, **then choose for yourselves** this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. **But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."**

Our life is nothing but choices and decisions. We do not realize all the decisions that we make; we have just gotten used to making them. Now, after we have grown up, we just do it automatically. It has become second nature; we have even gotten to the point were we take making decisions for granted. We do not even realize that we are making them, but that is what we were trained to do and they are now a part of our daily routine. But when it comes to deciding on something new, now that is hard.

For example, love. How do you know that you love someone? We find it hard to know or realize that we love someone. Is love magic? Does it just appear one day? Or does it happen like Cupid? Cupid comes around, sees you lonely and shoots the love arrow in you so that the first person you see, you become deeply, madly and desperately in love. Is it mysterious, intriguing, and scary? Is it the unknown? Really?

Or rather do you see person, and you decide that you like them; then as you get to know that person, you realize that you have decided that you really like them and would like to spend the rest of your life with them; then one day, as you were thinking and dreaming of your life with that person, you decide that you love that person because you cannot even think of life without them.

Love is a decision not magic. Love is an action not a feeling as He says:

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1CO 13:4 “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. [5] It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. [6] Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. [7] It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”

Love is patient; how can that be magic? Love is kind; does Cupid’s arrow have this? No. You have to make the decision to be patient and to be kind; you have to make the decision to be gentle and not rude or self-seeking. Love is manifested in our actions and by our attitudes; surely not our feelings. Yes feelings come after our actions, but faith comes first then feelings.

God says that love is patient. That is an attitude. He wants us to decide to set our attitudes of what it is to be loving. It is kind and that is the attitude of being kind. Once you have decided and set that attitude, then that is how you will act. All actions come from our attitudes. When the bible says “To be” it means that you are to decide and have that attitude.

How do you believe in a person, like maybe your parents? As a baby, you find that when you cry, mommy comes. She cares for you, she changes your wet diaper, she gives you food, she washes you and she cleans you. By experience, you know that you can trust her. Based on this trust, you know that you can depend on her. So you have made the decision that you can believe in your mommy and you have decided that you can trust your mommy.

This is making the decision to have faith in her. Based on this decision, the next time she is holding you and you fall, you are not scared because you have faith that she will catch you, and as you fall you feel strong, warm hands catching and then holding you. You never touched the floor. This confirms your decision to trust her and not to be scared or worried.

Believing is not magic. You do not suddenly believe in mommy and daddy. You decide to believe based on your life with them; it is built and built on many decisions. Everything you do in life, you have to decide to do. Even those things you do automatically were based on a decisions you made sometime in your life. It is just that you decided under certain conditions to automatically do, such as when your stomach hurts, you eat food. When you feel tired, you go to sleep. But at some time, you decided that this is what you would do under those conditions.

Now here we are looking at new choices and having to make new decisions. Decisions on things that you cannot see and that are contrary to all of your teaching; teaching of the world that tries to persuade you that things you cannot see or feel or touch or smell or hear are just not real. The world teaches you that there is no such thing as spirits; they are ghost stories that are not real, and sometime in your life you decided to

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believe them. Your decisions sometime agree with evolution and science and that God does not do the supernatural or miracles anymore.

But truthfully, there is another part of this world that has been hidden from you and the only way to see and hear it is by faith. Having faith in God is the only way.

### What is Faith?

How do we have faith? And what is faith?

You have decided to believe that God is real and He really does love you. This decision to believe is the beginning of faith. For without faith, you cannot be saved and so you cannot live with God. Thereby, if you do not decide on having faith in God, it will seem like He has left you.

That is why you are here, but to build your faith in God and, thus, start living with Him and allowing the Holy Spirit to live in you and you to live in His presence in your heart and finally coming to the point like Elijah (1 Kings 19:11-13) did in discerning the Spirit.

EPH 2:1 “As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, [2] in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. [3] All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. [4] But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, [5] made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved. [6] And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, [7] in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. [8] **For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--** [9] *not by works, so that no one can boast.* [10] For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

So to be saved only comes through faith. Not by works. We cannot buy salvation. You cannot be the best person in the world and expect salvation, which is also trying to buy salvation. No, it is a gift received by faith. Likewise, you can be the best person in the world, you can give all your wealth, all of your belongings, you can donate all of your time to the poor and homeless and yet you will still go to hell. It is only by faith that you can receive God's gift. The gift that you will receive is a new spirit--a clean and pure spirit from God. Receiving this new spirit is called “Born again” (John 3:1-8). Being Born Again is only done by faith in God through Jesus the Christ.

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So what is faith? Faith is made of several things. When I asked this question the Holy Spirit guided me through many parts of the bible. He used the concept of being saved to show me faith because that is whole purpose of Jesus dying, as we read in John 3:16.

Lets go through this process of building an understanding of faith like the Holy Spirit took me through.

### **The First Step: Believing**

As John says,

JN 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever **believes** in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

LK 8:11 "This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the Word of God. [12] Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the Word from their hearts, so that they may not **believe** and be saved. [13] Those on the rock are the ones who receive the Word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They **believe** for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. [14] The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. [15] But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the Word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop."

RO 10:5 "Moses describes in this way the righteousness that is by the law: "The man who does these things will live by them." [6] But the righteousness that is by **faith** says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) [7] "or 'Who will descend into the deep?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). [8] But what does it say? "The Word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the Word of **faith** we are proclaiming: [9] That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and **believe** in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. [10] For it is with your heart that you **believe** and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. [11] As the Scripture says, "Anyone who **trusts** in Him will never be put to shame." [12] For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile--the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, [13] for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

**NOTE:** To be shamed is the ultimate end—Hell. Daniel 12:1

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So one part of faith is “believing”. We must believe to start with. If we do not believe in God and that He sent Jesus to die for our sins, then how can we do anything else? It is interesting that Paul uses the Scripture of trust to explain how faith and believing work together. But just believing is not enough.

JAS 2:19 “You **believe** that there is one God. Good! Even the demons **believe** that and shudder.”

This says that demons believe too. Does that mean that they are saved? Heaven forbid that demons should be saved. Do you want to continue to live eternal life with them? God does not. That is why He blinds evil so that they cannot see the Kingdom of God and God’s great salvation in Jesus. They already warred in Heaven and God through them out.

MT 13:10 “The disciples came to Him and asked, “Why do you speak to the people in parables?””

MT 13:11 “He replied, “The knowledge of the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven has been given to you, **but not to them**. [12] Whoever has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. [13] This is why I speak to them in parables:

“Though seeing, they do not see;  
though hearing, they do not hear or understand.”

MT 13:14 “In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:  
“You will be ever hearing but never understanding;  
you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.”

MT 13:15 “**For this people's heart has become calloused;  
they hardly hear with their ears,  
and they have closed their eyes.  
Otherwise they might see with their eyes,  
hear with their ears,  
understand with their hearts  
and turn, and I would heal them.**”

One day God asked me, “What is the ultimate healing?” I said, “To be saved.” He said, “That is correct, so another meaning of “I would heal them.” means to save them.” This closure of their minds, ears, and hearts prevents them from believing.

MT 13:16 “But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. [17] For I tell you the truth, many prophets and righteous men longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.”

JN 8:42 "Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on My own; but He sent Me. [43] Why is My language not clear to you? **Because you are unable to hear what I say. [44] You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire.** He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. [45] Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me! [46] Can any of you prove Me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe Me? [47] He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God."

LK 24:45 "**Then He opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.** [46] He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, [47] and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. [48] You are witnesses of these things. [49] I am going to send you what My Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

So God opens the minds, eyes and ears of His children so that they can believe in Jesus, but not the evil children of the devil. He does not want them to go to heaven and if they did see that salvation is through Jesus, they would lie and cheat to act like they believe; therefore, if they did call on His name, God would have to allow it or His Word is a lie. So to prevent those evil people from believing, He has closed their hearts.

## The Second Step: Trusting

Then we read:

JN 14:1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. **Trust in God; trust also in Me.** [2] In My Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. [3] And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am. [4] You know the way to the place where I am going."

JN 14:5 "Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?""

JN 14:6 "Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. [7] If you really knew Me, you would know My Father as well. From now on, you do know Him and have seen Him.""

ISA 12:2 "Surely God is my salvation;  
I will **trust** and not be afraid.  
The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song;  
He has become my salvation."

With this and more about trust, the Lord was saying that people believe in Him but they were not trusting Him. We have to trust God to fulfill what He has promised.

But back to the trusting part of Romans. It is a little confusing in that He bases His believing part on trust.

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Here we see that we not only need to believe but we have to trust God also. I have found that the hardest thing in the world to do is to trust God. How do you trust someone you cannot see or hear or feel like you do a regular person? It is hard enough to trust people that you can see, hear and feel yet alone someone you cannot. But if you decide to trust God, then He will show you how.

### **The Third Step: Doing—Putting Your Faith Into Action**

Lets look further in James.

JAS 2:14 "What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have **faith** but has no **works**? Can such faith save him? [15] Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. [16] If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? [17] **In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."**

JAS 2:18 "But someone will say, "You have faith; I have **works**."

Show me your faith without **works**, and I will show you my faith by **what I do**. [19] You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that--and shudder.”

JAS 2:20 “You foolish man, do you want evidence that faith without **works** is useless? (dead) [21] **Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar?** [22] You see that his faith and his actions were working together, **and his faith was made complete by what he did**. [23] And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend. [24] **You see that a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone.”**

So God said that we must have faith, and faith is **believing** in God that He sent Jesus, that we **trust** God to fulfill His promises and covenants, and we must show our faith by **putting it into action**. Again, how does He say that we love Him? That we follow His commands. Well aren't these commands actions, deeds, works and obedience.

He asked me, are you going to obey My commands? He asked. “How can you do them with out some kink of action, and how can you act on them if you do not trust Me, and still how can you trust Me if you do not believe in Me. You must first believe in Me, then you can trust Me, and finally you can obey My commands once you know that I only do it for you because I love you and only want the best for all My children?”

In short, an easy way to remember faith is that faith is made of Believing, Trusting and Doing. To be considered faithful, you must fulfill all 3 of these aspects and then you have faith. Without faith you can do nothing, but by faith you can do everything and anything, for remember, nothing is impossible with God.

### **By Faith ...**

Lets see what God has done by people's faith.

MT 9:27 “As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed Him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"”

MT 9:28 “When He had gone indoors, the blind men came to Him, and He asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?"  
"Yes, Lord," they replied.”

MT 9:29 “Then He touched their eyes and said, "**According to your faith will it be done to you**"; [30] and their sight was restored. Jesus warned them sternly, "See that no one knows about this." [31] But they went out and spread the news about Him all over that region.”



MT 13:53 “When Jesus had finished these parables, He moved on from there. [54] Coming to His hometown, He began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. "Where did this Man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?" they asked. [55] "Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't His mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? [56] Aren't all his sisters with us? Where then did this Man get all these things?" [57] And they took offense at Him.

But Jesus said to them, "Only in His hometown and in His own house is a prophet without honor."”

MT 13:58” **And He did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.**”

MT 15:21 “Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. [22] A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to Him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession.””

MT 15:23 “Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to Him and urged Him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.””

MT 15:24 “He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”

MT 15:25 “The woman came and knelt before Him. "Lord, help me!" she said.”

MT 15:26 “He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs.””

MT 15:27 "Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.”

MT 15:28 “Then Jesus answered, "**Woman, you have great faith!** Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.”

MT 17:14 “When they came to the crowd, a man approached Jesus and knelt before Him. [15] "Lord, have mercy on my son," he said. "He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water. [16] I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him.””

MT 17:17 "**O unbelieving and perverse generation,**" Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with

you? Bring the boy here to Me." [18] Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed from that moment."

MT 17:19 "Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, "Why couldn't we drive it out?""

MT 17:20 "He replied, "**Because you have so little faith.** I tell you the truth, **if you have faith as small as a mustard seed,** you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you. ""

MT 21:18 "Early in the morning, as He was on His way back to the city, He was hungry. [19] Seeing a fig tree by the road, He went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves. Then He said to it, "May you never bear fruit again!" Immediately the tree withered."

MT 21:20 "When the disciples saw this, they were amazed. "How did the fig tree wither so quickly?" they asked."

MT 21:21 "Jesus replied, "**I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,'** and it will be done. [22] If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.""

JN 14:9 "Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? [10] **Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in Me?** The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in Me, who is doing his work. [11] **Believe Me** when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. [12] **I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in Me will do what I have been doing.** He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. [13] And I will do whatever you ask in My name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. [14] You may ask Me for anything in My name, and I will do it."

Jesus said above, "He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in My name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask Me for anything in My name, and I will do it."

He said that to build your faith. But all faith is done by making the decision to Believe, the decision to Trust and the decision to Act on His commands (Doing).

There is not a thing magical about faith. You have to decide to have faith.

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Faith is not one large decision in your life, it is made of many, many, many small decisions to have faith in each of God's commands. You have to decide on each and every one. You cannot make only one decision to have faith in all commands, No. You need to do like falling in love, one step at a time. You have to evaluate each command, you have to decide to first believe in that command, then you have to decide to trust that command and then you have to decide to do that command.

Faith grows, it is not like magic where you chant and poof you have all faith. Faith is grown or built step by step. You will see later that is how God always does it.

RO 1:16 "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. [17] For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: **"The righteous will live by faith."**"

2CO 5:6 "Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. [7] **We live by faith, not by sight.** [8] We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. [9] So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. [10] For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad."

Here we walk by faith and not by sight. Sight here means our 5 senses: hear, feel, touch, sight, and taste. In other words things that we were always taught are the only way to believe in things, which is by our feelings. But God says that we, the Children of God, do not walk the way of the world and by its master, the devil, but rather by faith in God, the one who created everything and who know the truth about everything.

EPH 2:1 "As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, [2] in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. [3] All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. [4] But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, [5] made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved. [6] And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, [7] in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus. [8] For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- [9] not by works, so that no one can boast. [10] For we are God's

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workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

### **Conclusion: How to Build Faith**

When I first became a Christian, I did not know what faith was, other than I knew that I had to have it. So I prayed and prayed and prayed for God to build my faith. I thought that maybe it was part of His anointing for something that He had to put into me. I continued to hope that He would push faith on me like magic. Well what He did was to teach me about faith. He taught me that faith is the gradual build up of deciding as to what to believe and what to trust. He taught me that faith is not one great big thing that you all of a sudden get and have faith for all things. He taught me that faith is really the size of a mustard seed and to have a lot of faith is to have a whole pile of mustard seeds. As you know a mustard seed is the smallest plant seed in the world.

In order to have a lot of faith, you must have a lot of mustard seeds, and that is done one seed at a time. To build your faith is to go through life learning every little detail about God, and making the decision for every little detail, to believe Him for it, to trust Him for it and to then be obedient to Him for it.

EPH 4:9 “(What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? [10] He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) [11] It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, [12] to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up [13] **until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God** and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”

When I first read this part of Ephesians, I did not really understand why He wrote “and in the knowledge of the Son of God..” I meditated and prayed to understand this for I understood the “unity part” but not the knowledge”. Then one day the Holy Spirit hit me with the revelation of its meaning. As we have been discussing that faith is built on believing, trusting and doing, but how can you do any of this if you do not have the knowledge of what He is willing to do, or His commands or what you are to obey? This all comes from knowing the kingdom of God, our Father. If you do not know, then you do not know His promises, His commands or His requests to obey. You must know and so understand the Kingdom of God and the will of God. You must seek out His will, and His knowledge or you have nothing to have faith in.

Growing faith is like building a building or home. It is done in stages one piece built on another, like building blocks. Your faith grows as your beliefs grow from your knowledge in Him. Each belief is built on another belief.

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Building faith is easy—it comes by learning about the Kingdom of God. It comes by hearing the Word of God and it comes by putting the Word of God to work in your life—daily. Not once a week, not 2 times a week, but every day, every hour and every minute of every day.

RO 10:14 “How, then, can they call on the One they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? [15] And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

RO 10:16 “But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" [17] **Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.** [18] But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did:

"Their voice has gone out into all the earth,  
their words to the ends of the world."”

If you are to build your faith, then you have to learn what God has to say so that you can believe. So you have to read His word whenever you can. Listen to God’s messengers whenever you can, His pastors, teachers, and ministers. There is more, but that is the whole point of this book.

Learning, increasing your knowledge and studying God’s word is easy, the hard part is to decide to believe it and it is even harder to trust what you believe. And the hardest is to not allow anyone or anything to make you doubt this belief and trust.

This is why to be a Christian is to live with God daily, for this is the purpose that He created us, to live with Him always.

If you do not know about God, then what do you have to believe in; likewise, if you do now know His way of doing things, then how can you decide to trust Him. He will say to you, “you of little faith how do you expect to be with Me in heaven without it.”

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