

Title: **Faith Works**

Text: *Matt. 21:21-22; Hebrew 11:6; Matthew 14:22-33*

Does faith really work? What is faith?

Why is faith important?

What does it mean to walk in faith?

We need to allow God to do His work in us so we can have the faith that we need to live with God and for God.

A heartfelt understanding of these truths about our faith will help revolutionise and grow our faith, bringing blessing and power in our life as a believer.

Everyone has faith (capacity to believe).

Romans 12:3b, *“God has allotted to each a measure of faith.”*

WHAT IS FAITH?

Hebrews 11:1: *"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction/evidence of things not seen."*

The biblical definition of faith is simply
"trusting the God you cannot see".
Faith is a belief in the one true God without actually seeing Him.

The image used here is that of an infant or a young child relying on nursing parents.

"True faith" is the complete trust that a helpless child has on his/her nourishing parents.

Ex. Israelites in the wilderness –

They relied totally on God for protection from the wild beast and for their daily provision. The nation of Israel learnt to live and walk in faith though God was unseen.

Faith is right believing! It is intentionally believing and holding on to God who is always faithful to His promises that are unchanging.

Matt. 24:34 – *Heaven and earth will pass away but my word will never pass away.*

God moves in the realm of faith (right believing) while the **enemy** moves in the realm of fear and doubt (wrong believing).

Faith focuses on the things of God while **fear and doubt** focus on the things of men.

Read *Matt. 16: 21-23*.

The purpose of faith is to fulfil the things that God has planned in our lives.

The purpose of fear and doubt is to derail us from that purpose.

WHY IS FAITH IMPORTANT?

➤ **It is our starting point.**

Hebrews 11:6 - *"Without faith it is impossible to please God. For he who comes to God must believe...."*

➤ **It is our way of life.**

Hebrews 10:38 - *"Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him."*

➤ **It is our finishing point.**

Luke 18:8 - *"Nevertheless when the Son of man comes, shall he find faith on the earth?"*

➤ **It is our key to live in victory.**

1 John 5:4, *"For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith."*

To live outside faith is to live in fear, uncertainly and defeat. It is to live outside the blessings and favour of God.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO WALK IN FAITH?

A. Walking in faith means to walk according to His Word. Read *Matt. 14:22-33*.

Peter did not walk on water.

Peter walked on the Word of Jesus “*come*”, while his eyes were focused on Him.

B. Walking in faith is finding Jesus in every situation.

Faith is seeing Jesus in every situation.

Read *Matt. 28:20; John 14:18; Heb. 13:5*.

Heb. 12:2, “... *looking our eyes on Jesus the author and finisher of our faith*.”

The whole purpose of the Bible and the whole purpose of having faith is to see Jesus.

Faith is the substance and the evidence of things not seen.

Faith is seeing the invisible, “*for he who sees the invisible can do the impossible*”.