

# GROWING IN FAITH

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Faith is the very foundation of our relationship with God - the Creator of heaven and earth. Without faith, the Bible lets us know that it is impossible to please God. As young believers of Jesus Christ, it's important to understand what faith is and how to grow in it. In this lesson, we will cover:

1. What is faith?
2. The faith of Abraham
3. The Mustard Seed Faith
4. Faith in Jesus' Healing
5. Your Faith in God

### 1. What Is Faith? (Hebrews 11:1):

Read Hebrews 11:1 (KJV): "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

In this verse, the Bible gives us a beautiful definition of faith. It says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Let's break this down to understand it better.

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,"

Imagine you have a special birthday coming up, and you really hope to get a fantastic gift. Even though you haven't seen the gift yet, you have faith that it's going to be great.

So, faith is like the strong belief you have that your birthday gift will be wonderful. It's the "substance," or the confidence, you have in something you're hoping for.

"the evidence of things not seen."

Think about the sun. At night, you can't see the sun at all. But you know it's still there, and you believe it will rise again in the morning. That belief, even when you can't see it, is like faith.

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Faith is like having proof, even when you can't see something with your eyes. It's like having strong evidence that something is real and true because you trust in it.

Simple Examples:

**Sunrise:** We can't see the sun at night, but we have faith that it will rise in the morning because it always does. Our faith in the sunrise is like knowing something even when we can't see it.

**Airplane Flights:** Before you get on an airplane, you can't see the pilot, but you have faith that they are there to safely fly you to your destination.

**Gravity:** You can't see gravity, but you have faith that it will keep you on the ground and not let you float away.

Faith is not just about things we can see; it's often about trusting in things we can't see. In our lives, we have faith in God, even though we can't see Him with our eyes. We have faith that His promises are real and true.

As you grow, your faith can become stronger, just like muscles become stronger when you use them. You can exercise your faith by praying, reading the Bible, and trusting God, even when things are tough.

### 2. The Faith of Abraham (Hebrews 11:8-12)

Abraham lived a very long time ago, and his story is special because it's all about having faith, which means believing in something even when it seems really, really hard to believe.

**Abraham's Promise:**

Abraham was very old, and he didn't have any children. But one day, something amazing happened. God came to Abraham and said, "Abraham, I promise you that you will have so many descendants, like the stars you see in the sky!" Can you imagine how many stars are in the sky? It's more than we can count!

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### A Big Problem:

Now, here's the tricky part. Abraham and his wife, Sarah, were very, very old. It seemed impossible for them to have children. But do you know what Abraham did? He believed God's promise. He had faith, even though it was really hard to understand how this could happen.

### Believing When It's Hard:

Abraham didn't just believe in his head; he believed with his heart. He trusted God's promise, even when he couldn't see how it would come true. This is what we call faith. It's like when you close your eyes and jump into a pool, believing that the water will catch you even though you can't see it.

### God's Amazing Promise:

Guess what happened? Because of Abraham's faith, God did something incredible. When Abraham and Sarah were super old, they had a baby boy named Isaac, just like God promised. It was like a miracle!

### The Lesson of Abraham's Faith:

Abraham's story teaches us something very important. It shows us that even when things seem impossible, we can trust in God's promises. We can have faith, just like Abraham did. God always keeps His word, and when we believe Him, amazing things can happen.

### 3. The Mustard Seed Faith (Matthew 17:20):

Read Matthew 17:20 (KJV): "And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place, and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you."

### Visual Aid:

Imagine holding a tiny, little mustard seed in your hand. It's so small you can hardly see it! Then, think about a big, tall tree, like an oak tree or a maple tree, stretching high up into the sky. It's so huge you can't even see the top! Now, that's a big difference, right? The mustard seed is itty-bitty, and the tree is enormous.



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### Jesus' Amazing Words:

One day, Jesus said something amazing to His friends. He told them that if they had faith as tiny as that mustard seed, they could do incredible things. He even said they could tell a big mountain to move from one place to another, and it would move! Wow, that sounds like magic, doesn't it?

### Small Faith, Big Things:

But here's the really cool part: Jesus wasn't talking about magic. He was talking about faith. He wanted His friends, and He wants you too, to know that even if your faith is just as small as that tiny mustard seed, you can still do big things with God's help.

### Your Faith Can Grow:

You see, faith can start small, just like that little seed. But guess what happens with seeds? When you plant them in good soil, give them water and sunshine, they start to grow. And your faith can grow too!

### Believing in God:

It's like when you believe in God and trust Him, even when things seem hard or when you don't understand everything. Your faith can start small, but as you learn more about God, pray, and read the Bible, your faith grows stronger, just like a tiny seed growing into a big tree.

### Nothing Is Impossible:

So, remember Jesus' words: "Nothing shall be impossible unto you." That means, with your faith in God, even the biggest challenges and the hardest mountains can be overcome. You might not move real mountains, but you can tackle big problems in your life, be brave, and help others because of your growing faith.

### Encouragement:

Lastly, always remember that your faith journey is like an adventure with God. You start small, but as you grow and trust in Him, you'll see amazing things happen. Just like that tiny mustard seed can grow into a huge tree, your small faith can lead to extraordinary adventures with God!

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### 4. Faith in Jesus' Healing (Mark 10:46–52):

#### Sharing Bartimaeus' Story:

Let's dive into a heartwarming story from the Bible about a man named Bartimaeus. Bartimaeus was blind, which means he couldn't see anything in the world around him. Can you imagine how challenging that would be? But Bartimaeus had something incredible—he had faith in Jesus!

#### Bartimaeus's Hope:

One day, Bartimaeus heard that Jesus was passing by. People told him that Jesus could do amazing things, like healing the sick and making blind people see. Bartimaeus had hope. He believed that Jesus could help him see again.

#### Shouting for Jesus:

When Bartimaeus learned that Jesus was nearby, he didn't stay quiet. He shouted at the top of his lungs, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Imagine how loud and brave that was! Even when others told him to be quiet, Bartimaeus believed in Jesus and cried out even louder.

#### Jesus Notices Faith:

Guess what happened? Jesus heard Bartimaeus's cry. He stopped, and He noticed Bartimaeus's faith. Jesus asked the people to bring Bartimaeus to Him. Bartimaeus must have been so excited!

#### The Miracle of Healing:

When Bartimaeus stood in front of Jesus, Jesus asked him, "What do you want Me to do for you?" Bartimaeus said, "Lord, I want to see." And because of Bartimaeus's strong faith, Jesus healed him right there. Bartimaeus could see again! It was like a miracle!

#### The Lesson of Bartimaeus's Faith:

Bartimaeus's story teaches us something very special. It shows us that when we have faith in Jesus and believe that He can help us, amazing things can happen. Bartimaeus didn't let anything stop him from calling out to Jesus, and Jesus heard him and healed him.

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### Your Faith in Jesus:

You might not be blind like Bartimaeus, but there might be things in your life that you need help with, like being brave, making friends, or solving problems. Just like Bartimaeus had faith in Jesus, you can have faith too. You can believe that Jesus is with you and that He can help you.

### Encouragement:

So, remember Bartimaeus's story. When you have faith in Jesus and believe that He can help you, you can shout out to Him just like Bartimaeus did. Jesus hears your prayers, and with faith, you can experience amazing moments in your life. Your faith in Jesus can bring healing, hope, and strength, just like it did for Bartimaeus.

### 5. Your Faith in God

Let's talk about something really important—your faith in God. You see, faith isn't just a nice idea; it's something that can make a big difference in your life, especially when we face challenges or when you're worried.

### Faith in Tough Times:

Think about a time when you were worried or faced something really hard. Maybe you had to take a test, or you were feeling lonely, or maybe there was something you really wanted. In those moments, having faith in God can bring comfort and strength.

### Praying and Trusting:

One way to grow in your faith is through prayer. When you talk to God, it's like sharing your thoughts and feelings with a trusted friend. You can tell Him about your worries, your dreams, and your challenges. He's always there to listen and help.

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Reading the Bible is another way to build your faith. The Bible is like a guidebook for life. It's full of stories about people who faced tough times but trusted in God, just like we talked about with Abraham and Bartimaeus. When you read their stories, it can inspire you to have faith too.

### Trusting God, Even When It's Tough:

Imagine you're trying to cross a river on a shaky bridge. It's scary, and you're not sure if it will hold you. But then, someone you really trust says, "I've got you. Just take a step." That's a bit like how it is with God.

Sometimes, life feels shaky, and we're not sure what's going to happen next. But God says, "I've got you. Just trust Me." When we have faith in God, it's like taking that step even when it's scary. We believe that He's with us, helping us through.

### Growing Your Faith:

You might wonder, "How can I grow my faith?" It's a great question! Here are some ways:

**Pray:** Talk to God every day, like you're having a conversation with a friend.

**Read the Bible:** Try reading a little bit each day. You can start with stories about Jesus; they're full of love and wisdom.

**Trust:** When things get tough, remember that God is there for you. Trust Him, even when it's hard to see how things will work out.

Our faith in God is like a treasure. It helps us when we're worried, facing challenges, or when we need to make decisions. Just like a plant needs water and sunlight to grow, our faith needs prayer, reading the Bible, and trust in God to grow stronger. When we have faith, we can face life's adventures with confidence, knowing that God is always with us. So, keep growing your faith, and you'll see how amazing it can be!



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# QUESTIONS

Can you think of something you have faith in, even though you can't see it?

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What are some ways you can grow our faith in God?

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# QUESTIONS

How did Abraham's faith in God's promise lead to something amazing?

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What did Jesus say about the size of our faith? How does this encourage you?

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# QUESTIONS

What did Bartimaeus do when he heard that Jesus was passing by,  
and what happened because of his actions?

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Why is it important to pray, read the Bible, and trust God even when things are  
tough, and how can these things help you grow in your faith?

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