



Building My Faith

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Building my faith in God today will give me confidence and trust and stability when life really goes bad tomorrow.

Now faith is being confident of what we hope for, convinced about things we do not see. Hebrews 11:1

Faith isn't HOW I COME TO BELIEVE, it's WHAT I DO with my belief.

TRUST. CONFIDENCE. COMMITMENT.

The apostles said to the Jesus, "Increase our faith!"

"Truly I tell you, 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." Matthew 17:20 (NIV)

Normalize doubt as part of your growth.

Find people to confide in.

Doubt is inherently isolating. It can feel especially shameful, and sometimes impossible to explain.

But seclusion does us no favors — and fellowship can work slow wonders. - Scott Hubbard, Desiring God.org

And you must show mercy to those whose faith is wavering. Jude 1:22

Give time and energy into working through it.

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. Hebrews 11:6

Do one thing each day that makes you deliberately have to depend upon God.

Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people home. After sending them home, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone. Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water.

Peter said to Him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

"Come," he said. But when Peter saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted.

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" Matthew 14 (NIV)

For your LifeGroup and growth time.

Have you ever had doubts about the Bible, Jesus, God, or the truth of Christianity? How did you handle it? What did you do?

Read Matthew 14:22-33. What is this saying about the disciple's faith?

Talk about the impulsivity of Peter. Why do you think he wanted to walk on the water?

In verses 28-29, we see that Peter wanted Jesus to 'command' him to come. Yet Jesus 'invited'. What is the significance of that?

What is one thing you can do that can make you 'dependent' upon God?

Do you currently have any doubts about God's love for you? His control of life? Share with each other...

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