



TALK IT OVER

How God Grows Our Faith

BOTTOM LINE

Believing can be deceiving.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What day in your life would you like to relive and why? Or, if you could be invisible and watch yourself at any age between birth and 18, what year would it be?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/daily
- [7 Sure Signs You're Actually Maturing in Your Faith](#)

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.
2 Thessalonians 1:3-4 NIV

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."
Matthew 7:24-27 NIV

"There is always a spiritual component to relationships; the people we choose to surround ourselves with always have the potential to impact us spiritually. Relationships intersect with our faith." – Dwight Mason

"We don't know what we actually believe until what we believe has been tested." – Dwight Mason

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God intends to grow or complete our faith. Has your faith grown in the last year? What evidence do you have that it has grown? Where has practical teaching helped you? How are you receiving it? What providential relationship has God unmistakably used in your life to grow your faith? How do you find relationships that will grow your faith? What private discipline has been most effective in your growth in the past year? Where do you need to lean in to discipline? Serving stretches our faith muscles. Share from your experience how that has happened for you. Unexpected pivotal circumstances force us to look at God. We either grow deeper or distance ourselves. Have you ever allowed circumstances to push you away from faith? How did you change that? Is there any hard experience that in retrospect you see was invaluable in your growth? How would you help a friend whose faith was struggling in trial to reframe the experience?

ACTION STEP

As I evaluate my life, my faith especially needs to grow in this area: _____
_____. I will work with God especially through _____
_____ starting this week.