

TALK IT OVER

The Answer Is Yes!

BOTTOM LINE

Faith doesn't wait for proof – it says "yes" before the results are known.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What's the most frightening thing you have ever done?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear? What do you think? What will you do?

RESOURSES

- The Daily: <u>newpointe.org/thedaily</u>
- Step Through Your Fear by Craig Groeschel (5:44 min.)

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

"According to your faith will it be done to you." Matthew 9:29 NIV

"Risk your life and get more than you ever dreamed of. Play it safe and end up holding the bag." Luke 19:26 MSG

"Have faith in God," Jesus answered. "Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." Mark 11:22-24 NIV

"If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish ..." John 15:7 NIV

"Faith isn't waiting for proof; it's stepping out on God's promises before you see the results."

"Obedience even when it doesn't make sense opens the door for God's miraculous intervention."

"Faith always begins with a promise, but it always requires our participation to activate it."

"Risk is how we evidence our faith." — Quotes from Dwight Mason

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Noah built the ark, Joshua marched into Jericho, Israel crossed the Jordan River, Elijah prayed for the widow's supply, and Jesus fed the 5,000 with no guarantees of the outcomes, with seeming insufficiency. Which instance speaks to you most? Explain. In every situation, action preceded God's intervention. If I don't have faith, I am being unfaithful. Does that mean I am sinning? Discuss. How do you see Jesus responding to low-level faith in the Gospels? How do you sense Jesus meeting low faith in you? How does seeing faith as consistent in the OBJECT of faith help you? How significant is it to "speak to the mountain? How do you do that? Doubt doesn't defeat unless it dominates. How do you fight doubt? What is the mountain standing in your way? Doubt often begins with doubting your identity because that messes with your prayers and discourages you. How can you hold on to your identity in Christ? Faith responds like the answer is already delivered before it shows up. How can you authentically do that? What do you do when you don't get the answer when you truly trusted God and obeyed? What does THAT mean?

ACTION STEP

God continues to speak to my heart about
I will step out in faith now by
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