



TALK IT OVER

What Is Faith?

BOTTOM LINE

Trust is the currency of all great and thriving relationships.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What decision in your life required more trust on your part than was comfortable? OR, would you rather trust tandem skydiving with a first-time instructor, or riding in the front with a racecar driver in their first race?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/daily
- [The Importance of Trust](#) by John Gottman

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

"I know this because I am under the authority of my superior officers, and I have authority over my soldiers. I only need to say, 'Go,' and they go, or 'Come,' and they come. And if I say to my slaves, 'Do this,' they do it." When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. Turning to those who were following him, he said, "I tell you the truth, I haven't seen faith like this in all Israel!"
Matthew 8:9-10 NLT

"Our relationship with God is initiated by an act of faith. A relationship with God requires faith, so Satan's goal is for us to doubt God." – Dwight Mason

"Jesus was never impressed with someone's knowledge or even their obedience. He was impressed with their faith." – Dwight Mason

"Your view of God is the most important thing about you." – A. W. Tozer

"Faith is a radical heart commitment to entrust myself and my life to God that results in a radical change in the way that I live my life." – Paul Tripp

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Whom do you know that you consider a person of incredible faith? What makes you think that about them? God requires trust because relationships are based on trust. How did Satan work to destroy Adam and Eve's trust in God? How does he do that in our lives? Jesus was either amazed by people's faith or lack of it. How do you think He might feel about yours? Why? How is faith substantially different from optimism? What does it mean that true faith must have an object? Jesus said if you want to know what God is like, you have to make HIM the object of your faith. Jesus came to bring clarity about God. Discuss. Jesus came not just to give us more knowledge about God, but so we could have a relationship with God. How do we see that? Trust is the currency of all thriving relationships. Discuss: between humans; between a person and God. God is most honored by our living, active, in-spite-of-circumstances trust in Him. How do you have an opportunity to do that right now? What would change in your life if you fully trusted God?

ACTION STEP

My living, active, in-spite-of-circumstances faith in God will grow and become stronger as I make this decision in my current circumstances:
