

Faith for Everyday

Mark 9:21-24 CEV

21 Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" The man answered, "Ever since he was a child. 22 The demon has often tried to kill him by throwing him into a fire or into water. Please have pity and help us if you can!" 23 Jesus replied, "Why do you say 'if you can'? **Anything is possible for someone who has faith!**" 24 Right away the boy's father shouted, "**I do have faith! Please help me to have even more.**"

Mistakes people make trying to build their faith...

Romans 8:8 ESV

Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

- ✓ **Ritual:** Man-made rituals eventually sacrifice mercy.

Matthew 12:7 Message

If you had any idea what this Scripture meant —

'I prefer a flexible heart to an inflexible ritual' — you wouldn't be nitpicking like this.

- ✓ **Rules & Regulations:** Rules always lead to pointing out a wrong.

Luke 11:46 Message

He said, "Yes, and I can be even more explicit. You're hopeless, you religion scholars!

You load people down with rules and regulations, nearly breaking their backs,
but never lift even a finger to help.

- ✓ **Religion:** Religion is trying to do a God thing without God.

Luke 11:52 TLB

"Woe to you experts in religion! For you hide the truth from the people. You won't accept it for yourselves, and you prevent others from having a chance to believe it."

Building your faith doesn't stop at the **foundation**.

Hebrews 11:6 NKJV

But **without faith it is impossible to please Him,** for **he who comes to God must believe that He is, and** that **He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.**

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You Asked For It!

How Can I Build My Faith?

Building Your Faith

1. **Believe** even when you can't see.

Hebrews 11:1 NLT

Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen;
it gives us **assurance about things we cannot see.**

2. **Obey** God even before you completely understand.

Hebrews 11:7 NASU

By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

3. **Give** out of revelation instead of reason.

Hebrews 11:4 NKJV

By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.

4. **Go** even when your flesh says no.

Hebrews 11:27 NLT

It was by faith that Moses left the land of Egypt, not fearing the king's anger. **He kept right on going** because he kept his eyes on the one who is invisible.

5. **Praise** God before you receive the victory!

Hebrews 11:30 NLT

It was **by faith that the people of Israel marched around Jericho for seven days,** and the walls came crashing down.

6. **Remove anything that keeps you from **focusing** on Jesus.**

Hebrews 12:1-3 NLT

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, **let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin** that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. 2 We do this by **keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.** Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. 3 Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up.

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