TOPIC PRINTABLE

Faith & trust

What faith is, how it grows, and how it lives alongside doubt.

HEBREWS 11:1

Now faith is assurance of things hoped for, proof of things not seen.

The Bible's nearest thing to a definition: faith as "assurance of things hoped for, proof of things not seen."

MARK 9:24

Immediately the father of the child cried out with tears, "I believe. Help my unbelief!"

"I believe. Help my unbelief!" A father's honest prayer — faith and doubt in one breath, and Jesus answers it.

GENESIS 15:6

He believed in the LORD, who credited it to him for righteousness.

Abraham believed God, and it was counted as righteousness — the verse Paul and James both build on.

ROMANS 10:17

So faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Faith comes from hearing — it grows through encountering God's word.

EPHESIANS 2:8–9

for by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, that no one would boast.

Salvation by grace through faith, as a gift, not an achievement.

JAMES 2:17

Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead in itself.

Faith without works is dead: genuine trust shows itself in action.

Scripture: adapted from the World English Bible, Catholic Edition (public domain, eBible.org), with pronouns referring to God capitalized. Latin: Clementine Vulgate (1598), public domain. Notes © Bible Verses Guide.

HEBREWS 11:6

Without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He exists, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

Without faith it is impossible to please God: faith as coming to God trusting that He is and that He rewards those who seek Him.

MATTHEW 17:20

He said to them, “Because of your unbelief. For most certainly I tell you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will tell this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.

Faith as small as a mustard seed: what matters is its object, not its size.

---

2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

for we walk by faith, not by sight.

We walk by faith, not by sight.