

growing in faith

believing = trusting

TIP: Believe and trust are the same word in the Bible. So if you don't quite understand a text about faith, put 'trust' there. And often you will understand that Bible text a lot better.




I already believe ... don't I?

There are **two kinds of faith**. Both are important.

1 - Faith that saves

If you believe that Jesus saved you, you are saved. You receive the Holy Spirit, and you can know that you will live forever. This is a


choice you really only have to make once in your life.

 The [study 'Jesus'](#) is about the faith that saves.

2 - Faith having effect

Jesus' disciples believed that Jesus was God. They had the **faith that saves**. Yet Jesus keeps challenging them to believe. So that faith goes another step further. The faith Jesus means here is **faith that has an effect**. He asks us to let this faith grow in our lives. You don't get this faith automatically. It grows when you work with it and take steps.

 Matthew 8:10

 Matthew 17:19-20 Faith is like a mustard seed. Not meant to stay small, but to grow.





 James 1-5

the Bible

There are many people whose faith is effective. They trust that God never lies. For them, what the Bible says is always above people's opinions. Not that opinions are always wrong, but they should never contradict what the Bible says.

Also take this decision which will make your faith grow significant:

I read it
I believe it
I do it

-  Psalm 18:30
-  Psalm 119:105
-  Isaiah 40:8, 55:11
-  2 Timothy 3:16-17
-  Matthew 4:4, 7:24, 13:22
-  Luke 11:28
-  John 15:7, 17,17
-  James 1:22



 **to think about**

- ▶ What is the Bible to me? What decision do I make?
- ▶ How can I make sure I read the Bible regularly - preferably every day? And that I will do what it says?

the power of faith

If you trust God in everything, and accept the Bible as 100% true, God is going to teach you all kinds of wonderful things. If you read the Bible, you will see that Jesus very often points to the faith of those around Him. For example, He regularly

indicates that faith in Him causes someone to be healed.

-  Matthew 9:22, 9:27-29, 15:28,
-  Mark 2:5

You are going to learn more and more about trust, and your trust is going to get bigger and bigger.



-  Mark 9:23

Jesus says that nothing is impossible for God. And that nothing is impossible for those who believe. You can trust in that!

 **to think about**

- ▶ Has my faith grown in recent times? If you are in a group, tell each other about this. Build each other's faith with stories!
- ▶ What decision am I making? Ask God for great growth in faith!

Here are some more beautiful Bible verses on the power of faith. Read them and be challenged to let your faith grow:

-  Mark 11:21-25, 16:17
-  John 14:12-14, 15:7

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