



Take a Step, Take a Leap of Faith!

Matthew 14:22-33

Faith is a central theme in the word of God and the stories of the lives the bible reveals.

God our Father has made all things depend on faith so that whoever has faith will have _____, and whoever does not have faith will have _____. [Martin Luther](#).

Hebrews 11:5 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. NKJV

pistis (pis'-tis); (**piece-teece'**) persuasion, i.e. credence; moral conviction, reliance upon Christ for salvation; constancy in such profession; **KJV** - assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.

VINE'S describes faith as "**a firm** _____", think of faith as "_____"

Faith is deliberate confidence in the character of God whose ways you may not understand at the time." Oswald Chambers

Until I have been faced with a critical _____ of my faith, I cannot have a _____ faith. Anemic faith is only that that is not tried, not tempered, not having gone through the fire. When we are faced with some measure of difficulty and come out more dependent on Jesus than ever before is when our faith grows.

Colossians 1:4 For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus [the leaning of your entire human personality on Him in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness]

1. _____ and _____ can live in the same heart. After all, they lived in Peter's heart, especially when he walked on the water and began to sink. That's what happens when we take our eyes off of Jesus.
2. Faith is more _____ than _____, and the end result is seeing and receiving Hebrews 11:1 NOW FAITH is the assurance (the _____, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see *and* the _____ of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]. AMP - Discuss this verse

Talk about the African Impala - can jump to a height of over 10 feet and cover a distance of greater than 30 feet in one jump. Yet can be kept in 3 ft. tall fence - How is this like some believers?

3. **True faith always demands** _____.

James 2:14-18, vs. 17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

True faith is never _____. True faith moves us to act, to do, to try...

Someone offered this definition: Faith is "_____ trust in God."

Give some examples of "outrageous trust" in God

Faith is both _____ and being _____. It is not either faith or action, it is always faith and action!

4. True faith operates in the _____

Faith does not operate in the realm of the possible. There is no glory for God in that which is humanly possible. Faith begins where man's power ends. [George Muller](#)

Faith draws from God's _____, not my resources!

Discuss this quote - "If we never had the courage to take a leap of faith, we'd be cheating God out of a chance to mount us up with wings like eagles and watch us soar." — Jen Stephens, *The Heart's Journey Home*

What, then, is faith? Think about these three words: Believe, See, Do.

Faith _____ what others do not believe.

Faith sees what others do not _____.

Faith _____ what others do not do.

Faith is founded on our _____ in God.

Faith is the willingness to take risks, embrace the unseen and step away from the shore. Wherever we find ourselves today, and we hear Jesus call us, we must put our faith in action and **get out of the boat**, especially if we want the greater security that Jesus offers. When we step out with faith and trust Jesus, we take him at his word, put him to the test, and just do it! The result is the thrilling adventure called the Christian life.

Luke 8:22-25

One of the questions God will ask each of us in our journey of life is simply, "Where is your _____?"

What are you doing/involved in that requires faith? How often is our faith really challenged? What keeps you from growing in your faith? Are you trusting God like you should?

Matthew 8:5-11, Matthew 9:20-22, 9:27-31

A. Faith is not a feeling but a conscious _____ to believe what God has said.

B. Faith acts even in the face of _____ and _____.

If we wait until all the circumstances are in our favor, we'll probably wait forever.

C. Faith sees what others do not see.