

WHAT IS SAVING FAITH?

How a Relationship with Jesus Begins (Hebrews 11:1 Explained)

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The Bible describes saving faith in Romans 10:9-10: "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

HOW A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS BEGINS

Jesus is knocking on the door of your heart, and the handle is on your side! All you have to do is trust His great love for you and receive the freedom from sin and the joy of relationship with Him that He died and was resurrected to give you. James 4:8 tells us, "Come near to God, and He will come near to you."

Saying "Yes" to Jesus and inviting Him into your life as your Savior and Lord is the start of saving faith. From there, faith grows as you open Scripture, listen to God's voice, and follow Him in trust and obedience.

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Hebrews 11:1 says: "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." Faith is how a relationship with Jesus starts, grows, and stands firm even when life shakes.

Faith is trust expressed in action. It may look like believing you are God's child, speaking the truth when it costs you, or choosing prayer over panic in moments of anxiety.

TRUSTING GOD'S CHARACTER

Some key traits of God's character that faith leans on:

- **Faithful:** He keeps His promises, even when you cannot see how (Hebrews 10:23).
- **Kind and Loving:** He moves toward you with mercy, not away in anger (Psalm 103:8).
- **Truthful:** What He says is real and reliable, even when your feelings disagree (Numbers 23:19).

SAVED BY GRACE, NOT BY WORKS

Faith is the hand that receives God's gift of grace. We do not earn salvation by impressing God or performing well; it is a gift, freely given. Ephesians 2:8-9 reminds us: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith... not by works, so that no one can boast."

Through saving faith, we are adopted as children of God. We are purified of sin, redeemed from brokenness, restored to who God created us to be, and our relationship with Jesus is secured by His promise rather than our performance.

FROM YOUR FIRST YES TO DAILY FAITH

The rest of Revelation 3:20 says, "If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with Me." Intimacy with Jesus grows as we engage with Him daily through Scripture, prayer, and action.

A practical pattern for growing faith is found in Micah 6:8: "To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

EVERYDAY EXAMPLES OF SAVING FAITH

Faith often shows up in ordinary choices: trusting God with a job decision, choosing to forgive, or praying through anxious nights. It could be reading one passage from Scripture and doing what it says, forgiving when your feelings resist, or acting on God's guidance even when it seems risky.

COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT SAVING FAITH

What if I do not feel worthy?

You do not come to Jesus because you are worthy. You come because He loves you! Jesus said, "Whoever comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37, NIV). Bring your sin, shame, confusion, and questions. Come as you are.

What if I still have doubts?

Doubts do not disqualify you. The presence of questions does not mean the absence of faith. Saving faith is real trust in the middle of questions. Keep bringing your doubts to Jesus. Keep opening the door. Pray, "Lord, I believe; help me overcome my unbelief" (Mark 9:24, NIV).

What if I fail?

A relationship with Jesus is not fragile. When you fall, you confess it, receive His forgiveness, and get back up with His help. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9, NIV).

HOW SAVING FAITH CHANGES LIFE

Saving faith transforms our relationship with God and how we live. It brings peace, access to grace, and a new identity as God's children. It changes how we face life: we are no longer alone, no longer defined by fear or past mistakes, and led by Jesus instead of uncertainty.

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ASSURED OF WHAT I CANNOT YET SEE." –HEBREWS 11:1**