

INTRODUCTION

As believers, we are invited to trust God, build our faith, and exercise power to speak to your circumstances through faith. Prayer is an important tool. We can talk to God and fellowship with the Lord. We also have the ability to apply our faith as we believe what God can do despite what the situations in our lives may be. Even when circumstances seem impossible or hopeless, we can believe God for the impossible. Just like Abraham trusted that he would become the father of many nations despite his advanced age, believers cannot be swayed by what we see or feel in the natural. Instead, we should stand on God's Word (Rom 4:17-21).

Living by faith often requires operating beyond what we can sense with our five senses or what we can figure out by logic. Faith always requires that we believe God's Word and rely on the leading of the Holy Spirit for guidance, even when it doesn't make sense. In Mark 11:22-24, Jesus teaches his disciples about the power of faith. The Word of God is still living and active today. Believers must choose to believe in God's promises and operate in faith.

When the trials of life come and the difficulties mount, it is important to remember how much God loves His children unconditionally. God first offers the gift of salvation. Then, as a good Father to His children, He continually offers provision, healing and help.

GETTING STARTED

1. If you had to list your five senses in order of importance, which would be the most important sense? Why?
2. If you lost that most important sense, what would you miss the most?

LET'S GET PERSONAL

1. In what areas of your life do you find it most challenging to trust God? How can you strengthen your faith in those situations?
2. Are there times when your senses (what you see, hear, or feel) have caused you to doubt God's promises? If so, how did you shift your focus from your senses to your faith?
3. What role does prayer play in your life? How can you enhance your prayer life to align more with the faith-based approach described?

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

1. Has there ever been a time when you felt God fulfilled a promise in your life? How did that experience shape your understanding of faith and trust in Him? Share your experience with your group to offer a testimony of God's provision in your life.
2. Reflect on a difficult situation you are currently facing. How can you begin to speak positively about it, as suggested in the message?
3. Based on the teachings in the message, when you experience doubt in your faith, what strategies can you employ to overcome it?
4. Want to dig deeper? Take a look at the following passages: Mark 9:23; John 14:12; Hebrews 11:6; 3 John 1:2.

RENEW YOUR MIND

"And Jesus answered saying to them, 'Have faith in God.'"

Matthew 16:24