

## How does Faith work?

The object of Faith. "You believe in God. Believe also in Me." John 14:1

### 1. When Faith doesn't work I am returned to my proper . . . . .

I am the vine. You are the branches. Abide in me, and I in you, to bear much fruit. Without me you can do nothing. John 15:5

Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgement, in accordance with the faith God distributed to each of you. Romans 12:3

- . . . . . I am the one whom **God** loves!
- . . . . . I am the person **Jesus** saves!
- . . . . . I am being sanctified by the **Holy Spirit**!
- . . . . . I will be presented blameless in **glory**!

Faith = live this as . . . . .

### 2. When Faith doesn't work Jesus is returned to His proper . . . . .

"Bring the boy to me."

Name the . . . . . changes you want v21-22

Name the . . . . . changes you want v23-24

Name the . . . . . you reject v25-27

### 3. When Faith doesn't work I am returned to my proper . . . . .

Promise: You may ask Me for . . . . . in My name and I will do it.

Condition: Go and bear . . . . . that endures so that whatever you ask in My name the Father will give you. John 15:16

Condition: Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be . . . . . in the Son. John 14:3

Condition: If you . . . . . in Me and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. John 15:7

You know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance which must finish its work so that you may be . . . . . and complete, not lacking anything. James 1:2-3

FAITH is not getting God to do what I want.  
FAITH is me learning to live how God wants.

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My prayer list

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Discussion starters

1. What is your worst kitchen disaster? What was the cause/s of that disaster? Can you draw a parallel between your own kitchen failure (eg. ignore the recipe) and a walk of faith (eg. ignore the Bible)?
2. Review the conditions for answered prayer in John 14:3, 15:7 & 15:16. Why do you think we hold the promise but often ignore the conditions? What are some ways we might help one another meet those conditions?
3. The disciples did their best, but failed, and were given a hard time by their critics (Mark 9:14-18). What do you think was going through their hearts and minds? What happened when they were in private (9:28-29), and why was that a good experience?
4. The old way of doing church was to run programs and activities with the hope that these would attract people to church. What is the new way of doing church, and why is it better?
5. "Faith: living like things you can see, are real." Why is this a good definition of faith?