

# Have Faith Together

It is easy to hear stories in the Bible or from people who follow Jesus today and think, "I would never be able to do anything like that."

Hebrews 11:1&6 says, "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see...And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."

Hebrews 11 explains one of the most important ingredients in serving God is to have 'faith'. Amongst many others it talks about Noah and Abraham, two Jewish 'heroes' who followed God. Their stories are in the Old Testament.

We find the story of Noah in Genesis 6 where it says, "Noah did everything just as God commanded him." God was going to send a flood and yet wanted to save those who trusted him. He asked Noah to build a boat where there was no water! Imagine that! People ridiculed Noah and thought he was crazy. The water came and everyone except Noah and his family were killed. Noah's faith in God saved his life.

Abraham is very different (Genesis 12 - 25). Abraham was told by God that he would have a son even though he was old and Sarah could not have children. Sarah did not believe this at all. She laughed when Abraham told her. God told Abraham that his descendants' would be many like the stars. Abraham struggled to believe. In the end, despite his struggles, God gave Abraham and Sarah a child and fulfilled his promise to them. Hebrews 11 says that by faith Abraham and Sarah had a child!

Faith is measured in action - it shows in the way we live. This means that we do what God asks us to do, even if we do not fully understand the reason! If God says he will provide or protect us, we should believe that and with common sense act to overcome our fear. Faith is placing our trust in God and his ability to work in a situation more than our own ability. When we decide to put our faith in God, we are choosing to trust in God himself, his word (the Bible), and his dealings with thousands of people. God is able to do more than we can ever ask or imagine.

## Put it into Action!

What is God asking you to do? Last month we looked at starting a Life Group. Do we need to put our faith into action to begin? To put ourselves 'out there' in public? Is God asking us to explain Jesus to people or to find money to help someone? Without faith it's impossible to believe God. Trust. Act. See what God does!

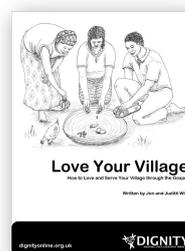
## Pray that:

- 1) God will give you greater faith and show you how to put it into action (Ephesians 2:8-10).
- 2) Any doubts and fears you have will be overcome as you read the Bible and listen to God's word over your life.



Bernard prayed with Peter\* who was broken hearted after losing his wife. "When we were praying I felt something like a mighty wind... There was no wind blowing, but I felt the mighty wind. After that I have started feeling loose, like I was bound but now I am loosed."

**- Bernard & Peter\*, Kalweo, Zambia**



This lesson is inspired by "Faith - We Need to Believe" a lesson in Love Your Village, a book that helps people to serve others by the message of Jesus.

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