

asked Jesus merely to speak the word from afar (Lk. 7:1-10).

These examples don't teach that God always answers according to the strength of our faith. Rather, in His wisdom He responds to any degree of faith. His ultimate goal is to lead us to trust Him completely, so that we may know the fullness of His fellowship. Because of who Jesus is, He can turn the weakest faith into strong faith. --DJD

*O for the peace of a perfect trust,
My loving God, in You--
Unwavering faith that never doubts
The good You choose to do. --Anon.*

**Our faith in God grows greater
as we recognise the greatness of our God.**



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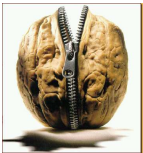
According to your faith let it be to you. --Matthew 9:29

Not all Christians exercise the same degree of faith. Some people seem to think their problem is too big for God to solve. Others are sure that God is all-powerful, but they're not confident that He will do what is best for them. Still others affirm, "I know what God can do, and I'll trust Him to do what He has promised." These various attitudes range from a weak and tentative faith to a firm confidence that takes God at His word and believes He is good.

As we study the ministry of Jesus, we see varying degrees of faith in those who came to Him.

He cast out a mute spirit from a son whose father wavered between faith and doubt (Mk. 9:17-24). He healed a leper who knew He could but was not sure He would (Mk. 1:40-45). And He healed the servant of a centurion who was so sure of the outcome that he





Romans: Truth in a Nutshell

(unzipped for you)

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Romans 4 leads us to make 5 statements about the qualities of saving faith:

1. Faith is _____, 1:16, 18, 2:27, 3:23, 26-27, 24,

(Ephesians 2:8-9) "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, {9} not of works, lest anyone should boast."



(Galatians 6:14) "But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, ..."

(1 Corinthians 1:26-29) "For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. {27} But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, ... {29} that no flesh should glory in His presence."

2. Faith _____ saves, 3:28, 4:3, 5, 13-14, 6-8

(Genesis 12:3) "I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.""



3. Faith saves _____, 3:29-30, 4:9-12

4. Faith attracts _____, 4:4, 16-17, 3:31, 4:15



5. Faith stands _____, 4:18-25

(Romans 4:18) God promised Abraham a lot of descendants. And when it all seemed hopeless, Abraham still had faith in God and became the ancestor of many nations. [paraphrase]

(Romans 4:18) When God promised Abraham that he would become the father of many nations, Abraham believed him. God had also said, "Your descendants will be as numerous as the stars," even though such a promise seemed utterly impossible! [paraphrase]

(Matthew 11:12) ""And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force."

(Matthew 13:45-46) ""Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, {46} "who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it."

(Philippians 3:7-8) "But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. {8} Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ"

(1 Corinthians 15:57-58) "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. {58} Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

(Galatians 6:9-10) "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. {10} Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith."

(John 16:24) ""Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full."

(Psalms 126:6) "He who continually goes forth weeping, Bearing seed for sowing, Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, Bringing his sheaves with him."

(Joshua 1:7) ""Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go."

