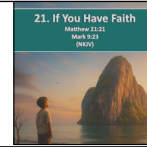


# Faith — Day 1



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Scripture Song:



## Today's Promise (#21) — KJV

**Matthew 21:21** "So Jesus answered and said to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' it will be done.'" **Mark 9:23** "Jesus said to him, 'If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.'"

## 💖 Apply the Promise!

*Jesus promises that if we truly believe in Him and do not let doubt sneak into our hearts, absolutely nothing is impossible! We can completely trust Him to do amazing things.*

### 📖 Bible Story (Matt. 8 & Luke 7)

A Roman centurion was a powerful commander in charge of a hundred soldiers. One day, a servant who worked in his house became very sick and was close to death. The commander loved his servant very much, but no earthly doctor could help him. When the centurion heard Jesus was nearby, he knew exactly who could save his friend.

The centurion felt unworthy to have Jesus visit his home. When Jesus agreed to come, he sent a humble message. He told Jesus that He did not even need to step inside his house.

He explained that he understood how orders worked. When he commanded a soldier to march, the soldier obeyed immediately. The centurion boldly believed that Jesus held the same authority over sickness. He said, "But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed."

This shows us exactly what true faith looks like! The centurion did not ask to see a special sign or wait for proof. He simply took Jesus at His word. He trusted that if Jesus spoke the promise, the healing was already real, even before he could see it with his own eyes.

Jesus stopped walking and marveled at the Roman soldier. He declared that He had not found such faith in all of Israel! Jesus did not need to perform a special ritual. He simply spoke the word, and at that very hour, the servant was healed.

The centurion's story teaches us that faith is not trying hard to force a special feeling inside ourselves. True faith is simply taking God at His word, believing His promises are real, and trusting Him right now!

### ☀️ True Story

John Vassar was a traveling missionary who spent his life walking across America to tell people about Jesus. He was known for having a strong, unbreakable faith. John firmly believed that if he was doing God's work, the Lord would protect him in any dangerous situation. During the Civil War, John visited the battlefields to hand out Bibles and encourage the tired soldiers. One afternoon, while walking through the woods in Virginia, he was suddenly surrounded and captured by a group of enemy soldiers.

The soldiers took John back to their camp, fully expecting him to be terrified. Instead, John's amazing faith never wavered, and he did not let doubt sneak into his heart. He stood before the commanding general and politely asked if he could share the love of Jesus with the men. The general was very surprised by this fearless prisoner and actually allowed him to speak. John immediately began walking through the military camp, cheerfully handing out Bibles and praying with the soldiers. He trusted God deeply, treating the camp like a wonderful church service.

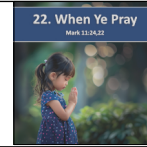
John's faith was so strong that many of the tough soldiers began to weep and ask questions about God. After just a few hours, the frustrated officers realized this humble prisoner was changing the hearts of their men! They complained to the general that if John stayed any longer, the entire camp would be converted. The general quickly ordered them to release John immediately. Because John chose to boldly believe God was in control without doubting, he confidently turned a scary capture into a beautiful victory for God.

### 💬 Discussion Questions:

- Why didn't the centurion want Jesus to come inside his house?
- When John Vassar was captured by the enemy soldiers, why wasn't he afraid?
- Matthew 21:21 tells us to have faith and "do not doubt." What is one situation where you need to trust God without doubting this week?

### 🎨 Activity:

Create a safe obstacle course in the room using pillows. Blindfold a child at the starting line. Explain they must have absolute faith in your voice to navigate. Give them clear, step-by-step commands to reach the finish line safely. Discuss how the centurion completely trusted the authority of Jesus's voice, even when he couldn't see the healing happen. When we choose to firmly follow God's voice without doubting, He always guides us safely!



## Today's Promise (#22) — KJV

**Mark 11:22, 24** "And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God... Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

### 💖 Apply the Promise!

*When we pray, we shouldn't just cross our fingers and hope God might hear us. Jesus promises that if we pray with complete faith, truly believing He will answer, God will do amazing things!*

### 📖 Bible Story (1 Kings 18)

For three and a half years, no rain had fallen in Israel. The fields were dry, the crops had failed, and the streams had begun to disappear. But after God sent fire from heaven on Mount Carmel, Elijah knew the people had seen that the Lord was the true God. Now it was time to ask God for rain.

Elijah told King Ahab, "There is a sound of abundance of rain." But when Elijah said this, the sky did not look stormy. There were no dark clouds and no raindrops falling. Elijah was not trusting what his eyes could see. He was trusting what God had promised.

Elijah climbed to the top of Mount Carmel and bowed low to pray. Then he sent his servant to look toward the sea. The servant came back and said, "There is nothing." Elijah did not stop praying. He sent him again and again—seven times.

Elijah's faith was not a passing feeling. He kept praying because he believed God's word. He chose to trust before he saw the answer.

At last, the servant came back and said, "Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand." That tiny cloud was enough for Elijah. He knew God was answering.

Soon the sky grew dark with clouds and wind, and a great rain fell on the thirsty land.

Elijah's story reminds us that faith means taking God at His word. We may not see the answer right away, but we can keep praying, keep trusting, and believe that God will do what He has promised.

### ☀️ True Story

In 1853, Hudson Taylor was a dedicated missionary traveling on a large sailing ship all the way to China. One afternoon, the wind suddenly stopped. The ocean became still, but a strong, hidden current was slowly pulling their ship toward a dangerous, rocky coral reef. Without any wind to push the sails, Captain Morris could not steer the ship to safety. He was very worried they would crash and sink.

Hudson knew exactly what to do. He and three other Christians on the ship agreed to go to their quiet rooms and ask God for help. But before Hudson went down to pray, he found the captain. He politely asked Captain Morris to let down the heavy sails.

The captain did not want to do it. He pointed out that there was not a single breath of wind in the air. He said it would look foolish and the sailors would think he was crazy! But Hudson kindly explained that they were asking God for wind, and he firmly believed the Lord was going to send it right away.

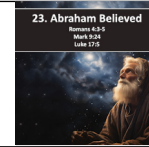
Captain Morris finally agreed to drop the sails. Hudson walked to his room, knelt beside his bed, and prayed with simple trust. Just a few minutes later, the captain knocked loudly on Hudson's door. He told Hudson he could stop praying now, because they had more wind than they knew what to do with! A fresh, steady breeze had swept across the water, and the ship safely sailed away from the rocks. Hudson proved that true faith means acting like we have already received God's answer, even before we can feel the wind.

### 💬 Discussion Questions:

- How many times did Elijah have to send his servant to look for the rain?
- Why didn't Captain Morris want to let down the sails at first?
- Why is it important to make sure the things we pray for match God's Word? (Discuss how God isn't a genie, but a loving Father who gives good gifts that align with His will!)

### 🎨 Activity:

**The Tiny Cloud Telescope:** Give each child an empty paper towel tube to use as a telescope. Hide a very small drawing of a cloud across the room. Have them look through their tubes until they finally spot the tiny cloud! Explain that Elijah's servant had to look incredibly hard to see the tiny cloud, but Elijah knew it meant a massive storm. Faith means looking for God's answers and trusting His promises!



### Today's Promise (#23) — KJV

**Romans 4:3** "For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness."

**Mark 9:24** "And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief."

**Luke 17:5** "And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith."

### ♥ Apply the Promise!

*Even if your faith feels small, God honors it. Choose to believe Him, ask Him to strengthen your faith, and trust that He will help you grow and count your faith as righteousness.*

### Bible Story (Gen. 15 & Romans 4)

Before Abram was called Abraham, he lived in tents with his wife, Sarai. God had promised that Abram would become the father of a great nation, but many years had passed. Abram and Sarai were growing old, and they still had no child together. To human eyes, it looked impossible.

One night, the Lord brought Abram outside and told him to look up at the sky. Above him, the dark heavens were filled with stars. There were far too many to count.

Then God gave Abram a promise. He said that Abram's family would become as many as the stars in the sky. Abram could not see a baby in his tent. He could not see a great nation. He could only see the stars and hear the Word of God.

But Abram made a simple, powerful choice. He believed the Lord. He did not have to understand how God would keep His promise. He trusted God because God had spoken.

The Bible says that Abram's faith was counted to him for righteousness. His faith was not based on what looked possible. It was based on the faithfulness of the One who made the promise. Abram let God's promise be stronger than his questions. Instead of waiting until everything made sense, he rested his heart on the One who could not fail.

Abram's story reminds us that faith means resting our hearts on God's promise. We may not see the answer yet, and we may not understand how God will work. But we can choose to believe that He is faithful, thank Him for what He has promised, and walk forward as if His promise is already sure.

### True Story

Dr. Charles Cullis was a kind doctor who lived in Boston many years ago. He cared for people who were sick with tuberculosis, a painful lung disease. In those days, there was no cure, and many hospitals would not take these patients. Some poor, suffering people had no safe place to go.

Charles believed God wanted him to open a home where sick people could be cared for with kindness. But there was a serious problem: he did not have the money to buy a building, hire helpers, or provide beds and food.

Charles chose to trust God. He decided not to beg people for money. Instead, he prayed and asked his heavenly Father to provide what was needed. His faith was not just a hopeful feeling. He believed God's promises and acted on them.

Some people thought it was foolish to begin a work with no money. But Charles kept praying and doing the work God had placed before him. Miraculously, total strangers began sending him letters with money inside! Soon, he had enough to buy one building, then another, and eventually an entire hospital campus. God provided everything they needed through the faithful prayers of this one doctor. The sick were finally given warm beds, comforting food, and shown the gentle love of Jesus.

Charles did not always know how God would answer, but he trusted that God knew the need. His story reminds us that faith means holding tightly to God's promises. When we bring our needs to Him, trust His love, and do the duty in front of us, we can cheerfully leave the results in His hands!

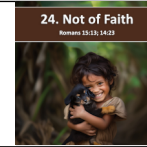
### Discussion Questions:

- What did God ask Abram to try and count in the night sky?
- How did Dr. Charles get the money to buy the hospital buildings without asking people for donations?
- In Mark 9:24, a father prayed, "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief." What should we do when we want to trust God, but our hearts feel afraid or doubtful?

### Activity:

Take the children outside on a clear night, or scatter dozens of small paper stars across a dark room with a flashlight. Give them ten seconds to try and count every single star. They will quickly realize it is completely impossible! Explain that God asked Abraham to do the exact same thing. When God makes an impossible promise, we don't have to figure out how it works; we just have to faithfully believe Him!

## Faith — Day 4



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Scripture Song:



### Today's Promise (#24) — KJV

**Romans 15:13** "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." **Romans 14:23** "And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin."

### Apply the Promise!

*When we completely trust God, He promises to fill our hearts with joy, peace, and hope! But we must remember that doubting Him and doing things without true faith in Jesus is a sin.*

### Bible Story (Mark 5 & Luke 8)

For twelve long years, a woman had suffered from a sickness that changed her whole life. She had spent all her money on doctors, hoping someone could help her. But instead of getting better, she only grew weaker. Her heart must have felt tired and discouraged.

Then she heard about Jesus. She heard that He healed the sick and had compassion on suffering people. A little hope began to rise in her heart. She could not heal herself. She could not buy a cure. But she believed Jesus could help her.

The streets were crowded as Jesus passed by. People pressed around Him on every side. The woman may have felt weak and afraid, but she made a choice. She would not wait until she felt strong. She would come to Jesus just as she was.

She said in her heart, "If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole." Then she pressed through the crowd, reached out her hand, and touched the edge of His garment.

At that moment, Jesus healed her. She felt the sickness leave her body. Then Jesus stopped and asked, "Who touched my clothes?" Trembling, the woman came and told Him the truth.

Jesus did not push her away. He called her "Daughter" and said, "Thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace."

Her story reminds us that faith means coming to Jesus with our need. We do not have to make ourselves better first. We may feel weak, afraid, or unworthy, but we can reach out to Him and trust His mercy. Jesus is willing to receive us, heal us, and give us peace.

### True Story

One evening, a mother was feeling worried about her family's needs. Money was tight, and her heart felt heavy. She knew God had promised to care for His children, but that night it was hard for her to rest in His love.

At bedtime, her little four-year-old daughter, Michelle, folded her hands and prayed a very simple prayer: "Please let me see a frog tonight, in Jesus' name, amen."

Her mother felt worried. She did not know of any frogs near their house, and she did not want Michelle to be disappointed. She gently told her that they might not see a frog that night. But Michelle was peaceful. She simply believed God had heard her prayer.

Later that evening, the mother went into the garage to finish the laundry. Suddenly, the family dog began sniffing and barking near a dark corner by the door. The mother stepped closer, expecting to find a bug or a mouse. Instead, there on the floor sat a little green frog.

The mother was surprised. She woke Michelle and showed her the frog. Michelle smiled, not because she had forced God to answer, but because she trusted that He loved her and heard her prayer.

That night, the mother was reminded that faith can be very simple. We do not have to carry our worries alone or make our feelings strong enough. We can bring our needs to God, believe that He hears us, and rest our hearts in His loving care.

### Discussion Questions:

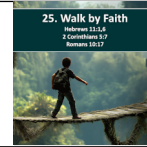
- What did the woman quietly say to herself as she pushed through the crowd?
- God answered Michelle's prayer to teach her mother a beautiful lesson about faith. But if we pray for something silly—like a pet pony or a candy bar—and God says no, does that mean our faith was too small, or does it mean God's plan is just different than ours?

### Activity:

Give the children some yarn and help them tie simple little tassels, just like the fringes Jesus wore on the hem of His garment. They can tie them to their backpacks, Bibles, or bookmarks. Explain that every time they look at the little yarn tassel, they can remember the brave woman who reached out in faith. It is a beautiful daily reminder that we can always reach out to Jesus and completely trust Him!



## Faith — Day 5



🎵 Listen to  
Scripture Song:



### Today's Promise (#25) — NKJV

**Hebrews 11:1,6** "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen...But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." **2 Corinthians 5:7** "(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)" **Romans 10:17** "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

### 💖 Apply the Promise!

*Faith means trusting in God's Word, even when we cannot see the answer with our own eyes. Without this true faith, we cannot please Him, but He rewards those who diligently seek Him!*

### 📖 Bible Story (Gen. 6 & Heb. 11)

Long ago, the world became full of evil, and many people did not want to listen to God's voice. But one man named Noah still walked with God. He trusted Him and wanted to obey. One day, God told Noah something surprising. A flood of water was coming, and God commanded Noah to build a large wooden ark to protect his family and the animals.

There was just one problem: it had never rained before! There were no dark storm clouds or oceans nearby. Building a ship on dry ground looked foolish to everyone else. But Noah did not wait until he could see the rain before he obeyed. He believed the One who had spoken to him. Every board he cut and every layer of pitch he spread was a quiet way of saying, "Lord, I trust You." He showed his faith by doing exactly what God said.

Day after day, Noah worked on the ark. He cut wood, shaped heavy boards, and covered the ark with pitch. While he worked, he warned the people and invited them to believe God, too. Many laughed and kept living as if nothing would ever change. But Noah chose to walk by faith, not by sight. He kept hammering every board with simple trust.

At last, the ark was finished. Noah and his family went inside, and God shut the door. Then the rain began to fall, just as God had promised! Inside the sturdy ship, they were perfectly safe from the stormy waters. God rewarded Noah's obedience by rescuing everyone who chose to believe. Noah's story reminds us that faith is not only something we say. True faith listens to God, believes His promise, and chooses to obey Him before the answer can be seen.

### ☀️ True Story

In the late 1920s, Leo and Jessie Halliwell were dedicated missionaries in Brazil. Their hearts broke for the thousands of sick families living deep inside the Amazon jungle. Because there were no roads, the only way to reach them was by river. Leo and Jessie felt God asking them to build a large boat to sail up the river and bring medicine to these people.

There was just one big problem: Leo was not a boat builder, and they had no money to build a ship! When they shared their plan, many people thought the idea was foolish. Traveling the Amazon could be dangerous, and building a large wooden boat from scratch seemed like an impossible idea. But Leo and Jessie knew that God's power was greater than their problems, and that true faith required action. Instead of waiting for God to do all the work, they believed that if they willingly stepped forward to obey, He would give them the strength to finish the task.

Leo carefully drew the plans for the boat and trusted God to help them gather the funds. Soon, generous people began sending exactly what they needed to buy the wood and supplies! When their beautiful white boat was finally finished in 1931, Leo and Jessie sailed it into the jungle. For decades, their boat survived many storms and safely brought healing to thousands of people.

Their story reminds us that faith does not sit still and wait for every problem to disappear. Faith listens to God, begins the work He gives, and trusts Him for the next step. When we surrender our plans to Him, He can guide us through work that once seemed impossible.

### 💬 Discussion Questions:

- Why did it seem completely foolish to build a gigantic ark when God first told Noah about the flood?
- How did Leo and Jessie walk by faith when they didn't even have the money to build the boat?
- Hebrews 11:1 says faith is the "evidence of things not seen." Can you think of a time you had to trust God even when you couldn't see how things would work out?

### 🎬 Activity:

Have the children build a "boat" in the middle of the living room using laundry baskets, pillows, and blankets. Have them sit inside and pretend to row! Ask them how silly they think it looks to have a boat sitting on the dry carpet. Explain that Noah and Leo Halliwell looked just as silly to their neighbors, but true faith means boldly obeying God even when other people do not understand.