



# Lord, Increase Our Faith

And the apostles said to the Lord,  
"Increase our faith"

Luke 17:5

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- **Faith can be increased.**
- Disciples recognized their need for more faith.
- Faith is increased in the same manner from which it comes:
  - “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Rom. 10:17).
- Paul prayed for brethren at Thessalonica:
  - “We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other” (2 Thess. 1:3.)
- One can add to his faith (2 Pet. 1:5-12).

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- **Increase in faith should be our desire.**
- When commands appear difficult, instead of giving up, we should desire that our faith might be increased that we might be obedient in all things.
- Some are indifferent or unconcerned about increasing their faith—These will never grow to maturity.
- Are we interested in increasing our faith?

# Why Should We Increase Our Faith?

- **To hold what we have.**

“For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away” (Matt.25:29).

- **Faith can be lost.**

“Having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck, of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme” (1 Tim.1:19-20).

# Why Should We Increase Our Faith?

- **To remain true to the faith.**
- Root of indifference is a lack of faith.
- God's power to keep us is dependent on our faith.
  - “who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation...” (1 Pet. 1:5).
- As we increase our faith, we lessen the possibility of falling away.

# Why Should We Increase Our Faith?

- **To accomplish greater things for Christ.**
- Faithless report of the ten spies led others to lose faith, cost them an entrance into the promised land (Num. 13).
- The one talent man was afraid and buried his talent (Matt. 25).

So the Lord said, “If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you” (Luke 17:6).

# Why Should We Increase Our Faith?

- **To fortify ourselves against obstacles and problems that arise.**
  - Our faith will be tried.
    - Death of loved ones
    - Sickness—of self or others
    - Failures in life
    - Loss of job
  - We need a reserve of faith for such times, so that we don't charge God foolishly.
    - “In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly”  
(Job 1:22).

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## **Why should we increase our faith?**

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# How May We Increase Our Faith?

- **Not by some miraculous means.**

- Many would seek this as an easy way out.
- They like the mystical and miraculous.
- Nothing is farther from the truth.

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Tim. 2:15).

And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises (Heb. 6:11-12).

# How May We Increase Our Faith?

- **By feeding our faith.**

“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Rom. 10:17).

“And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name” (Jn. 20:30-31).

- **Word of God is food for our faith!**

# How May We Increase Our Faith?

- **The more food we consume, the probability is our faith will be increased.**

“So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified” (Acts 20:32).

- **A pure diet.**

“Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby” (1 Pet. 2:1-2).

# How May We Increase Our Faith?

- **A proper consumption of spiritual food requires:**
  1. Persistence
  2. Regularity
  3. Liberality
- **Determine to receive the Word of God often and don't be afraid to eat a good amount of it.**
- **Food for our faith comes from:**
  1. Reading the Word
  2. Attending services where the Word is taught.
  3. Attending classes where questions can be discussed.
- **Neglecting these will cause spiritual starvation!**

# How May We Increase Our Faith?

- **By Exercising Our Faith.**
- Food without exercise causes a sluggish, unhealthy body.

“For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil” (Heb. 5:12-14).