

Living faith



Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would.” And his servant was healed at that moment.

When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick.

Matthew 8:1-34

Now faith is *confidence* in what we hope for and *assurance* about what we do not see.

Hebrews 11:1



Faith Looks Beyond

living
faith



Faith Follows

living
faith



**living
faith**

**Faith
is a
Shield**



Faith Pleases God

David – a man after God's heart

Faith Remembers

Past experience calls us to action

Substance of Faith

The Resurrection accounts
are reliable



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"in Christ all will be
made alive." — 1 Cor 15

Faith moves to Greater Things

“Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

John 14:12

And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so
that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
You may ask me for anything in my name, and I
will do it.

John 14:13-14

Acting “*in Jesus’ name*” means acting with the authority he has given you and not on your own authority.

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last – and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.

John 15:15-17

In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

John 16:23-28

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us – whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked of him.

1 John 5:14-15

Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.

Matthew 17:14-21

“If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you.

Luke 17:1-6

“If you can’?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for one who believes.”

Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”

Mark 9:23-24

Questions for reflection:

- 1) Do I believe that I am empowered by the Holy Spirit to do “greater things”?
- 2) What is God’s will?
- 3) How might I get to a point of living a “normal Christian life”?