

INCREASE OUR FAITH
“Increase Our Faith...What’s It All About” Pt 1 of 13
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WHAT IS IT?

Our Summer focus on growing, sowing and going in FAITH.

- “Let your roots GROW down into him and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught...” **Colossians 2:7 (NLT)**
- “Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also REAP generously.” **2 Corinthians 9:6 (NIV)**
- It was by faith Abraham obeyed God’s call to go to another place God promised to give him. He left his own country, without knowing where he was to GO.” **Hebrews 11:8 (NCV)**

WHY ARE WE DOING IT?

- “Without faith it is impossible to please God . . .” **Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)**
- “Anything that is not done in faith is sin.” **Romans 14:23b (GW)**
- “According to your faith will it be done to you.” **Matthew 9:29 (NIV)**

4 PURPOSES OF THIS SUMMER SERIES

1. TO ADVANCE OUR _____ BY STRETCHING OUR FAITH.

“When your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you’ll be strong in character and ready for anything!”
James 1:3-4 (NLT)

2. TO ENHANCE OUR _____ BY COOPERATING TOGETHER.

“All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.” **Acts 4:32-35 (NIV)**

3. TO GROW IN YOUR FAITH IN GOD REGARDING YOUR _____.

Paul: “What we’re hoping for is that as your lives grow in faith, you’ll play a greater part within our expanding work.” **2 Corinthians 10:15b (Message)**

“Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and so much love—I want you to excel also in this generous act of giving.” **2 Corinthians 8:7 (NLT)]**

4. TO HONOR THE EVERYDAY _____ SERVING IN OUR CHURCH.

“Epaphroditus...works and serves with me in the army of Christ. When I needed help, you sent him to me . . . Welcome him back in the Lord with much joy. Give honor to people like him...He risked his life to give me the help you could not give in your service to me.”
Philippians 2:25, 29-30 (NCV)

WHAT WE WON'T DO

1. We WON'T _____ anyone to give.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, NOT reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)

4 THINGS YOU CAN EXPECT FROM INCREASE OUR FAITH

1. To see _____

2. To grow _____

3. To be hassled by _____

4. To experience _____

HOW FAITH IN JESUS TURNS A LITTLE INTO A LOT

Mark 6:34-44 – The Miracle of Feeding the 5,000

1. ADMIT YOU HAVE AN _____ PROBLEM

"When Jesus . . . saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them . . . So he began teaching them many things. By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came and said, 'This is a remote place and it's already very late. Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.' But Jesus answered, 'You give them something to eat!' They said to him, 'That would take eight months of a man's wages!'" Mark 6:34-37a (NIV)

2. GIVE GOD WHAT LITTLE YOU _____

"How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked. 'Go and see.' When they found out, they said, 'Five small loaves of bread and two fish.'" Mark 6:38 (NIV)

"Jesus asked this only to test them, for he already had in mind what he was going to do."

John 6:6 (NIV)

3. PUT IT _____ IN THE HANDS OF JESUS

"Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish . . . He blessed the food and broke the loaves and He kept giving them to the disciples to set before the people . . ." Mark 6:41 (NASB)

The boy gave what he had . . . willingly, cheerfully, & immediately.

4. EXPECT GOD TO _____ IT

"Everyone ate and had enough. Afterwards they collected 12 baskets full of pieces of bread and fish that were LEFTOVER!" Mark 6:42-43 (Phillips)

"All things are possible with God." Mark 10:27 (NIV)

Jesus: "I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives!" John 12:24 (NLT)