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### **Christian Myth #1:**

- Faith can fix anything.
- Faith is a POSITIVE MENTAL OUTLOOK that has the power to CHANGE REALITY.

### **THE TRUTH ABOUT FAITH:**

**Biblical faith is simply TRUSTING God enough to DO WHAT HE SAYS.**

### **How Our English Language Feeds The Myth:**

FAITH = Feelings

BELIEVE = Facts

TRUST = Actions

**But all three are translations of the same GREEK WORD.**

### **THE TRUTH ABOUT FAITH:**

**We can't PLEASE GOD without it.**

### **Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)**

<sup>6</sup> And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

## **THE TRUTH ABOUT FAITH:**

**Biblical faith has room for DOUBT and FEAR. It has no room for DISOBEDIENCE.**

### **Acts 12:5 (NLT)**

<sup>5</sup> But while Peter was in prison, the church prayed very earnestly for him.

### **Acts 12:11-16 (NLT)**

<sup>11</sup> Peter finally came to his senses. “It’s really true!” he said. “The Lord has sent his angel and saved me from Herod and from what the Jewish leaders[a] had planned to do to me!” <sup>12</sup> When he realized this, he went to the home of Mary, the mother of John Mark, where many were gathered for prayer. <sup>13</sup> He knocked at the door in the gate, and a servant girl named Rhoda came to open it. <sup>14</sup> When she recognized Peter’s voice, she was so overjoyed that, instead of opening the door, she ran back inside and told everyone, “Peter is standing at the door!” <sup>15</sup> “You’re out of your mind!” they said. When she insisted, they decided, “It must be his angel.” <sup>16</sup> Meanwhile, Peter continued knocking. When they finally opened the door and saw him, they were amazed.

### **Proverbs 22:3 (NLT)**

<sup>3</sup> A prudent person foresees danger and takes precautions.

The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences.

## **THE TRUTH ABOUT FAITH:**

**Biblical faith is the MAP that GUIDES us. It’s not a POWER that RESCUES us.**

## THE TRUTH ABOUT FAITH:

That's why we don't need more FAITH. A mustard seed is enough. We need more OBEDIENCE.

### GROUPS QUESTIONS:

1. What stood out to you about this week's sermon?
2. Talk about a time in your life when you believed that "faith could fix anything". How did that belief shape your expectations of God?
3. How do you think our culture, or even Christian media reinforces the idea that faith is just a positive mental outlook?
4. Read Hebrews 11:6. Why do you think faith is so essential to pleasing God?
5. How would you explain the difference between faith, belief, and trust based on how those words are used in the Bible?
6. Can you recall a time when you trusted God even though you felt fear or doubt? What helped you stay obedient in that moment?
7. Why do you think biblical faith allows for fear and doubt but not disobedience? How does that change your view of what "strong faith" looks like?
8. How does thinking of faith as a "map" rather than a "power" shift your expectations of God and how He works in your life?

9. Jesus says that faith as small as a mustard seed is enough.  
What do you think gets in the way of our obedience, if not a lack of faith?