

How to Develop a Great Faith

Matthew 8

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- Did you know that Jesus spoke of people with “great faith” and people with “little faith?”
- Every believer can develop a great faith. How do you develop a great faith even when you have little faith?

First, by focusing on _____ instead of your circumstances.

- In Matthew 8, you see two encounters with adverse circumstances.
 - A centurion (military officer) - vs. 5-10
 - The disciples - vs. 23-27
- The centurion is said to have great faith; the disciples are said to have little faith.
- What was the difference? The centurion focused on _____ and mastered the circumstances, while the disciples focused on the _____ and allowed the circumstances to master them.

Second, by truly believing God's _____.

- God's Word will work ____ you when received as God's Word _____ you.
- *"For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe."*
1 Thessalonians 2:13
- But many times, instead of believing God's promises, we _____ . Matthew 16:6-8
- Faith doesn't reason with God's promises, faith trusts and _____ God's promises.

Third, by understanding the _____ of God's commitment to you.

- At salvation you were placed **in Christ**.
- God has _____ all that His Son is, **in you!**
- When you are secure in your relationship with someone, you have faith in that person. As you grow more secure in your relationship with Christ, you will find that your faith will grow incredibly.
- The only way to grow in that security is to _____ God's Word.