

Five Things God Uses to Grow Our Faith - BIG Faith

Matthew 8:10-13

Do you know people whose faith in God is so strong that you could sometimes describe it as amazing? What is it that makes their confidence in God so strong? God wants to take us to a new level of big faith-extraordinary trust and confidence in him. God is honored and thrilled by our faith. So what is it that will grow our faith so he'll be increasingly honored?

God uses five primary ways to expand our faith: (1) practical teaching from the Bible, (2) providential relationships, (3) private disciplines (4) personal ministry, and (5) pivotal circumstances.

1. How would you describe the relationship between obedience and trust?
2. As you think back on your childhood, how was the obedience/trust relationship seen in your home? Did you trust your parents? How did that impact your response to their authority?
3. Which is more important in a relationship: Trust or obedience? Is the answer different depending on the type of relationship (marriage, parent-child, employer-employee, friends)?
4. Of the five things listed to make your faith grow, which has made the biggest difference in your own confidence in God? Why?
5. Has there ever been a time when your confidence in God--your faith--hit a really low point? Would you be willing to share that story with your group? If so, describe the events surrounding your loss of faith, as well as what helped you regain it?
6. What advice would you give a friend who has lost faith, or whose faith is very weak?
7. Think of someone you know whose faith seems strong. If that person later came to you and said he had lost his faith, what questions would you ask? If he asked your advice, what would you say?