

# Building Blocks Of Faith: Increasing Your Faith!

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### Building Blocks Of Faith! Pt.1

**2 Peter 1:3**, *His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. 4 Through these He has given us His very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. 5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your **faith goodness**; and to goodness, **knowledge**; 6 and to knowledge, **self-control**; and to self-control, **perseverance**; and to perseverance, **godliness**; 7 and to godliness, **mutual affection**; and to mutual affection, **love**. 8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins. 10 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, 11 and you will receive a rich welcome into the Eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

### How Important Are These Spiritual Building Blocks?

**“Each Block Should Be Possessed In A Progressive And INCREASING Measure And Represents The Never-Finished Aspect Of Our Spiritual GROWTH Which Bears Fruit and Evidence Of Our Salvation And Keeps Us From Being Ineffective And UNPRODUCTIVE As Believers And As A Church!”**

**1 - Faith Is Knowing God Can Overcome ANYTHING!**

**Jeremiah 1:4**, *The Word of the Lord came to me, saying,* 5 **“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”** 6 *“Alas, Sovereign Lord,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”* 7 *But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. 8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord.* 9 **Then the Lord reached out His hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put My words in your mouth.** 10 *See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”*

## **2 - Faith Is Believing Before You SEE IT!**

**Genesis 15:1**, *After this, the Word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.”* 2 *But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, what can You give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?”* 3 *And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”* 4 *Then the Word of the Lord came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.”* 5 *He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then He said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”* 6 **Abram believed the Lord, and He credited it to him as righteousness.** 7 *He also said to him, “I am the Lord, Who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.”*

## **3 - Faith Is Taking Action When God EXPECTS IT!**

**Joshua 1:7**, *“Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law My servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, **that you may be successful wherever you go.** 8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.* 9 **Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”**

## How To Increase And Grow Your Faith:

-Ask God for wisdom and insight on growing your faith: Sometimes we lack faith because we fail to ask for it. God is not stingy with His gifts, so we should not be conservative with our requests. (Luke 11:9-12; Luke 17:5; Mark 9:24)

-Repent of your sins and turn from them: Unconfessed sin can be a huge barrier to a growing faith. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

-Dive into God's Word: Contrary to common thought, faith can be strengthened through our biblical knowledge. Those believers who are most mature in their faith are the ones who study to know God and His Word more. (Romans 10:17)

-Surround yourself with others who are also wanting to grow their faith: God did not create us, the Christian, to live in isolation. Growth and sanctification can only be accomplished in the context of a Christian community of like-minded believers. (Luke 22:32; Philippians 1:6)

-Start serving God somehow somewhere: Just as we build our physical muscles by being active, the best way to increase and strengthen your faith is by doing something. (Matthew 28:16-20)

**James 2:21**, *Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for **what he did** when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see that his **faith and his actions were working** together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.*

**Joshua 3:2**, *After three days the officers went throughout the camp, 3 giving orders to the people: "When you see the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord your God, and the Levitical priests carrying it, **you are to move out from your positions and follow it.** 4 Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before...*

## Four Action Steps As We Begin Building Our Faith:

1 - Make a commitment to be in Worship for the next 8 weeks.  
(Saturday at 5:00p or Sunday at 9:30a and 11:00a or Online)

2 - Join a Group—Life Groups on campus Sunday mornings or Home Groups throughout the week. Taste of Cottonwood is today - so go to the Worship Center Atrium and find a group!

3 - Pray that God will move in a powerful way in your life, our church

and our community — THEN ACT!