

FAITH CLIMB, “Steps to Building Overcoming Faith”

Faith is a gift from God, a seed planted in the heart of the believer at the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. However, watering and maturing the seed of faith demands discipline. Herein lies the challenge for many believers in taking the next step to climb the mountain that sits between doubt and faith. Climbing this mountain requires a backpack filled with the resources of God that we call devotions. I remember when I first met the Lord and that initial struggle in accepting the fact that it was God courting me into faith. It was not some spiritual encounter with the sub-conscious hocus pocus, but I had actually met the Lord Jesus Christ. I was at the intersection of life and to accept the seed of faith that the Lord was offering me, I would have to simply believe, not gimmicks, no special physical feat, just simple faith that I would have the opportunity to grow into something great as I got to know Jesus.



Our carnal flesh makeup shaped in the old sin nature has to be born again and washed in the blood of Jesus Christ. It is the enemy of our faith and if we don't do the work of building faith, it will pull us out of confidence in the promises of scripture into what we can see and do in the flesh. Our natural inclination is to only trust what we can see touch and feel. At the core of faith is to believe when we cannot see, but by trust in God are able to pull into existence the result of faith, which brings the invisible into the visible realm. We must conquer the emotions that are born out of doubt seeking to capture our faith before it takes on enough strength to overcome the things that tempt us to doubt God. This spiritual warfare between doubt, the flesh and faith in God is a lifetime battle. This battle solicits a level of intentionality and violent determination to bring into subjection the doubting mind of unbelief and self-dependence. God's word by faith must be planted in our hearts, mind and spirit by hearing and believing the gospel, reading of the word of God, and allowing the Holy Spirit to write it on the tables of our heart as he engraves it into our spirits through life events that try our faith and purge it into more. To grow our faith, we must practice a commitment to developing deep roots in the Word with a confidence that the Word is absolute truth and cannot fail. That the word of God is the revelation of Jesus and in it is that which God has given us for how to know himself, his God, and the world around him. He'll never get up the mountain side far enough to be able to weather the storm the winds and the storms that come with the elevation of the climb.

To secure faith is to first believe God is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. For faith climbing is all about fortifying our confidence in God through on purpose living that elevates our faith up the mountain side into answered prayer, victorious living and a lifestyle that is on fire for God with passion and full assurance. This assurance in Jesus must be cultivated, protected, and employed. So, this step of faith is just simply believing that Jesus Christ is and will help us live out our faith in him in our daily lives. For faith is the substance of what is hoped for. [Heb. 11:1](#)

To grow our faith, we have to embrace the fight and strengthen our spiritual legs to climb into the heights of God for developing spiritual understanding and skills to overcome the weariness of the climb. When we are desperate for more of God and want to understand what is available to those who live in God, we discover steps on the mountain side that lead us up into a deeper relationship with God. The very tenacious conquering of fear and doubt in this place propels our faith upward into the power of God resulting in gaining and maintaining a confidence that refuses to be denied. Faith demands tenacity and when we read the Word and began to employ it for disciplining our mind, we grow out faith and learn to survive the things that war against our faith as we climb up into a place of assured hope in God. We then must train our intellect and heart to see beyond what is present to that which can be.