

Got Faith?

Got milk?

Do you remember the “Got milk?” commercials that began back in the 1990s? The slogan followed “where’s your mustache?” If not, check them out on YouTube. Some of them were pretty funny and included celebrities. The evidence of them drinking milk was marked by a milk mustache.

When people look at you and me do they see evidence that we believe (have genuine faith) in God? More importantly, when God looks at us is there evidence of faith marked by a life of holiness and obedience to Him? **What evidence of faith in God might someone see in you or me?**

Where does faith come from?

*Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ. **Romans 10:17***

What is the message?

The message is all about Jesus. The message is the gospel (His death burial and bodily resurrection).

Faith goes back to the beginning of creation

By faith, we believe that the universe was formed at God’s command so that what is seen was not made out of what is visible. **Hebrews 11:3**

The word was in the beginning

In the beginning, was the word and the Word became flesh and lived among us. **John 1:1** Who became flesh and lived among us? The answer: Jesus When did He exist? The answer: In the beginning.

Abram: Genesis 15:6

God made a promise to Abram that he would have a son and that his offspring would be as countless as the stars in the sky. Abram believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness. This is truly the definition of faith. Believing God. When we believe God, He credits that to us as righteousness. Do we really want to be considered righteous before God? Then what should we do? The answer is: **Believe God**. However; there is more to it than that. What are we to believe? We need to believe in His son Jesus Christ. Take a look at this link: [Does the sacrificing of Isaac prefigure Jesus?](#)

John 3:16

God wants us to believe in His Son. **2 Corinthians 5:21** God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. **1 Corinthians 1:30** Jesus is our righteousness. **Romans 1:17** For in the Gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith. Please read **John 14:1-14**

What is the basic difference between faith and belief?

Believing is seeing. **Faith** is believing without seeing.

John 20:24-28

Remember after Jesus was raised from the dead and appeared to his disciples? Thomas wasn't with them the first time. What response did Thomas have? "Unless I see the nail marks in his

hands and put my finger in His side I will not believe it". Shouldn't he have believed it? Yes. Jesus had previously told his disciples clearly what was going to happen. Jesus appeared to his disciples a second time and Thomas was there. **What did Jesus say to**

Thomas? First He allowed Thomas to see his hands and place his hand in His side. (I really don't believe that Jesus was being too critical or He wouldn't have allowed Thomas to do so.

However; Jesus was teaching a lesson here). **What were Jesus' words to Thomas? And how do Jesus' words apply to us today?**

Jesus said to Thomas, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." ***We are in a wonderful position to please God by believing without seeing.*** I have a strong feeling that any of the other disciples would have felt the same as Thomas if they were in his shoes (or more accurately, sandals). I imagine that my reaction probably would have been the same as Thomas too.

What about you? Thomas loved the Lord! It's probably good to give him some slack. A little doubt may be okay as long as it leads to faith (believing without seeing). **Hebrews 11:6**

2 Corinthians 4:18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Faith in action! People of faith

What is probably the best way to study and understand what faith really looks like? **Faith that is pleasing to God.** I would say that it would be wise to take a look at the people in the bible who were commended for their faith.

Romans 15:4 tells us that everything that was written in the past was written to teach us so that through endurance and encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. Also, read **1 Corinthians 10:11-13**

Hebrews hall of faith: Hebrews 11 explains it all! Faith in action! (Read entire chapter) Let's pay attention to their faith when faced with what was unseen. Let's also pay attention to their actions. What is your favorite story of faith mentioned in the bible?

Faith without deeds is dead: James 2:14-26

What is happening in our lives right now that gives us an opportunity to have faith? What deeds can we do to demonstrate our faith? A wise preacher quoted this saying a lot: "*What on earth are we doing for heaven's sake?*" It is an incredible opportunity in this life to live a life of faith. Let's not miss out on it! And let's not pass up the opportunities to do good and demonstrate our faith every day.

Faith in the end (which is just the beginning) Being with Jesus 2 Corinthians 4:13-17

Movie reference: Indiana Jones Leap of faith [Leap of faith](#)

A wise man taught me a couple of quotes that I would like to share:

Set your sight on the other shore and keep rowing.

Hang on to the rope of faith. Tie a knot at the end and keep holding on.

Please share any encouraging quotes that you may have. Please leave them in the comments.

I truly hope that you enjoyed this short study. Keep the faith!

(Come now and let us reason together) Isaiah 1:18