

Part 2

Faith

The bible mentions “child-like faith” because when we are young we are very trusting. As we grow up, things in life make us have “trust issues”. We suffer from broken friendships, relationships, missed opportunities etc. These things affect all of our relationships & how we interact with other people. As adults, it’s important for us to unpack the places in our lives that caused us to

become hardened, traumatized, or distrusting. Although most things that happen to us are out of our control, We need to take accountability for who we are today.



“for we walk by faith, not by sight [living our lives in a manner consistent with our confident belief in God’s promises]—”
2 Corinthians 5:7 AMP

What does this have to do with our faith? Where does God fit into us improving how we interact with others? Why does my past matter? For some reason we forget that because the Gospel is based on a true relationship with God, the way we have relationships in general can affect it. If you are the type of person to push people away, you could hold God at a distance. If you are the type to get hurt & close up, you could mirror that in your relationship with God if you ever feel He

lets you down. If you are the type of person who withholds how they feel to avoid confrontation, it will be hard for you to take your true feelings to God. If you don’t trust people easily, you may have a faith problem with God. Is it hard for you to let go of things? To open up to people? To stop feeling like you need control in your relationships? To stop people pleasing? Since faith is the key to many aspects of our relationship with God, its key we learn how to open ourselves up to have a greater faith in God in order to grow spiritually & have a more intimate relationship with Him. We can receive the love, joy, & peace fully by placing our faith in Jesus to provide us all we need to live life & live it more abundantly.

What Do Your Relationships Say About Your Faith?

Do You Trust God? How Does Your Ability To Trust God Compare To How You Trust Other People?

How Can A Person Earn Your Trust? Do You Feel Like God Has Shown You You Can Trust Him?

Whats The Healthiest Relationship In Your Life Right Now? The Least Heathy? Are There Any Similarities In Your Relationship With God To Either Of These Two Relationships You Named?

If Someone Disappoints You, How Does That Affect Your Relationship With Them? If They Make You Angry? Sad? How Do You Reconcile With Them?

I Know This Is Surprising, But We Don't Always Get What We Want. God Doesnt Allow Us To Have Everything We Want Because He Already Has A Plan And Knows What's Best For Us. In Retrospect, We Can See Why Things Didn't Go The Way We Planned, But Accepting That No In The Moment Is Hard. It Can Even Make You Mad At God Or Not Trust Him With Your Life, Desires, Or Future.

How Much Time Do You Spend In The Healthy Relationships In Your Life To Maintain Them? What Things Do You Do To Keep Your Relationships Healthy?

Imagine Treating Your Husband Like You Treat God. Going Weeks Not Speaking To Him. Giving Him Only 15 Mins In The Morning. Not Acknowledging The Nice Things He Does For You. Feeling Like You Don't Need Him & Can Make It On Your Own. You Would Be Divorced. Lol But God Loves Us So Much He Remains Constant In His Love For Us Despite How We Treat Him Before We Get To The Point Where We Abide In Him. Where We Are Constantly Aware Of His Love And Presence With Us.

Do You Feel Like You Need To Do Everything Right In A Relationship To Keep That Relationship? Do You Do Things To Make People Think Positively Of You?

Your Relationship With God Is Not Dependent On Your Works, It Is Based In Your Genuine Faith And Love For Him As Well As Your Faith In Him Loving You. Our Behavior Is A Fruit Of Genuine Internal Transformation Only God Can Give. True Love Is Not Broken Down By Your Performance Falling Short. It Is Forgiving, Relentless, Kind And Patient. God Models How Our Romantic Relationships Should Be By The Love He Has For Us.

In Your Ideal Relationship, How Does It Make You Feel?

We Tend To Replace The Peace God Alone Can Give Us With External Things. The Most Common Is Making Relationships An Idol. When A Relationship Is Hoing Well We Feel "Saved". If It Isn't Doing Well, We Feel Our World Is Crashing Down. This Is Because We Make People Our Gods. The Enemy Uses This To Send Us Distractions And Counterfeits To Keep Us From Receiving All God Has For Us.

The Enemy Knows How Important Faith Is, So He Starts By Breaking Down Your Trust In So It Bleeds Over Into Your Relationship With God.

Faith In Our Relationship With God

Obedience

Faith is important in order for believers to obey the Lord. For example, Adam and Eve had been given a command—to not eat from a particular fruit ([Genesis 2:15-17](#)). Because their faith wavered regarding this command, they ate the forbidden fruit and sinned. Contrastingly, [James 2:23](#) shares, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness."

<https://www.compellingtruth.org/God-require-faith.html>

Intimacy

This is as true in our relationship with God as it is in our relationships with other human beings. Our experience of God's nearness or distance is not a description of his actual proximity to us, but of our experience of intimacy with him. Scripture shows us that God is intimate with those who trust him. The more we trust God, the more intimately we come to know him. A felt distance from God is often due to a disruption in trust, such as a sin or disappointment.

The secret to drawing near to God and having him draw near to us is revealed clearly in the Bible: we draw near to God through faith in Christ who alone gives us access to him ([Hebrews 4:14–16](#); [7:25](#); [Philippians 3:9](#)), and we put our trust in all of "his precious and very great promises" which find their Yes to us in Christ ([2 Peter 1:4](#); [2 Corinthians 1:20](#)).

God is impressed with our faith, not our feats. Where faith is lacking, he is not pleased with the quantity of our knowledge or the quality of our aesthetic events.

When God sees someone whose heart fully trusts his promises and lives by them, God comes to strongly support that saint ([2 Chronicles 16:9](#)) and manifests himself to him:

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/how-to-have-intimacy-with-god>