

The Faith Process

Faith Definition - Faith is choosing to live in light of the truth of God's Word regardless of circumstances, emotions or cultural trends.

God calls us to live by faith

Hebrew 11:6:a "But without **faith** it is impossible to please Him (God)..."

Romans 14:23b "... everything that does not come from **faith** is sin."

2 Corinthians 5:7 "We live by **faith**, not by sight."

Romans 1:17b "... But the righteous will live by **faith**."

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Step One: Review the Definition

Faith is choosing to live in light of the truth God's Word regardless of circumstances, emotions or cultural trends.

Q. What does it mean to live in light of the truth of the Bible?

A. *Regardless of your **circumstances** you may be facing, **regardless** of the **emotions** you may be feeling, and **regardless** of the **cultural trends** than may be influencing your life, you **choose** to live in light of the truth of the Bible, **by faith**.*

Step Two: Ask the Faith Question

The next step in the faith process will help you to turn to the Bible as the object of your faith. You should begin asking the Faith Question in every situation in your life:

The Faith question:

If I lived in light of the truth of the Bible, what would that look like in my life?

In Romans 12:2, Paul tells the believers :

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind... “

Notice how Paul connects how a person thinks to how a person lives. In other words, Paul is exhorting us to reject living life according to the world and its standards. The way you reject living life by the world and its standards is by renewing your mind, or changing the way you think. Continually asking the “faith question” will help you to not only renew your mind, but it will also help you in your effort to reject conformity to this world and its trends.

Read Romans 12:2 and answer the following questions.

DISCUSS

Should we let the world conform us to how it thinks?

What does that mean to “*not be conformed to this world*”?

Should we renew our mind?

What does it mean to renew our mind?

Now ask yourself: *If I lived in light of the truth of Romans 12:2, what would that look like in my life?*

Step Three: Ask the Holy Spirit’s Help

The third step is simply to ask the Holy Spirit of God to help you live in light of the truth of the Bible.

Special note: *As you go through life, keep attentive to whether you are living according to the patters of this world or according to what God gives us in the Bible.*