

What is faith?

The Bible tells us to have faith and gives us many examples of people who had faith. But what is faith? Is it something that only very holy people have?

Faith is believing God.

The Bible tells us that Abraham believed the Lord. "Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations ... He did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what He had promised" (Romans 4:18, 20-21).

In another verse it says, "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see" (Hebrews 11:1).

Faith and trust

Faith is believing that God will do what He has promised, or believing that He can do something we have asked Him for. In other words, faith is believing God for something specific.

Our faith is tied to our hope – a confident belief that God *will* do what we are expecting Him to do. Hope comes from the heart, which excitedly looks forward to seeing *what* God is going to do, and *how*.

Trust: Trusting God is holding on when you don't know what God's plan is and when you can't understand what is happening. Sometimes you don't even know what to pray. That's when you hold on to the fact that God loves you and cares for you, and that He has everything under control.



Is it possible to please God without faith?
See Hebrews 11:6.