

Growing Your Faith! Part Three

Part Three of Series

2 Thessalonians 1:3-4 NKJV

3We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, 4so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure,

Theme: God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. Faith is not meant to stay small. Faith is designed by God to grow, mature, strengthen, and become a powerful force in the believer's life.

Romans 12:3 NKJV For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

INTRODUCTION

Church family faith is not a one-time event. Faith is not something you receive at salvation and then leave untouched. Faith is a living, growing, developing force inside you.

The Bible says in 2 Thessalonians 1:3-4 NKJV, “*Your faith grows exceedingly.*” Not slowly. Not barely. **Exceedingly.**

God expects your faith to grow. God desires your faith to grow. God designed your faith to grow. Because God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

Today, I want to show you from Scripture **how faith grows** — and how you can cultivate strong, mature, mountain-moving faith.

I. FAITH GROWS THROUGH HEARING THE WORD

Text: *Romans 10:17 NKJV* — “So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

Faith does not grow by accident. Faith grows by exposure to the Word of God. When that seed of faith is planted and it is exposed to the Son you will grow.

Every time you hear the Word:

- Faith is being planted.
- Faith is being watered.
- Faith is being strengthened.

Faith grows when the Word is:

- **Heard consistently** — not occasionally
- **Received humbly** — not defensively
- **Meditated deeply** — not superficially
- **Applied intentionally** — not ignored

The Word is spiritual fertilizer. Wherever the Word is planted, faith increases.

Preaching Moment: If you want your faith to grow, you must feed it. A starving faith cannot be a strong faith. That seed of faith needs the Son. (Not sun)

II. FAITH GROWS THROUGH OBEDIENCE

Text: *James 2:22 NKJV*— “Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?”

Faith grows when you **act** on what God says.

Obedience is the gym where faith works out.
Obedience is the stretching that builds spiritual muscle. Obedience is the proof that faith is alive.

Every step of obedience strengthens faith.

- Abraham obeyed and became the father of nations.
- Noah obeyed and survived the flood.
- Peter obeyed and walked on water.
- The widow obeyed and saw her oil multiply.

Faith grows when you do what God says — even when you don't fully understand it.

Preaching Moment: Some of you don't need more faith — you need more obedience. Faith grows when you move.

III. FAITH GROWS THROUGH TESTING AND TRIALS

Text: *1 Peter 1:7 NKJV — “that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,”*

Trials do not destroy faith — they **develop** it.

Trials refine faith. Trials reveal faith. Trials strengthen faith.

Faith grows when it is challenged, stretched, and proven.

God uses:

- Delays
- Difficulties
- Disappointments
- Detours

...to mature your faith.

Key Insight: Faith is not proven on the mountaintop — faith is proven in the valley.

Preaching Moment: If you're in a trial, don't assume your faith is failing. It may be growing.

Acts 14:2-23 NKJV

21And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, 22strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting *them* to continue in the faith, and *saying*, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God." 23So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

IV. FAITH GROWS THROUGH PRAYER AND COMMUNION WITH GOD

Text: *Jude 20-23 NKJV* — "20But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, 21keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. 22And on some have compassion, making a distinction; 23but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh."

Prayer builds faith. Prayer strengthens your spirit. Prayer aligns your heart with God. Prayer releases spiritual confidence. If God be for us who can be against us. Prayer keeps you aware of God's presence.

Faith grows when you stay connected to the source.

The more you pray, the stronger your faith becomes. The less you pray, the weaker your faith becomes.

Preaching Moment: A prayerless Christian will always struggle with faith. A praying Christian will always grow in faith.

V. FAITH GROWS THROUGH REMEMBERING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

Text: *Psalms 77:11 NKJV* — "I will remember the works of the LORD; Surely I will remember Your wonders of old."

Faith grows when you rehearse what God has already done.

Your history with God becomes ammunition for your future battles. We are made overcomers by the word of our testimony.

When you remember:

- How God healed you—He is Jehovah-Rapha
- How God delivered you—He is Jehovah Mephalti
- How God provided for you—He is Jehovah-Jireh
- How God protected you— He is Jehovah-Nissi

...your faith grows.

Testimonies fuel faith. Memories strengthen faith.
Gratitude keeps faith alive.

Preaching Moment: Sometimes the greatest thing you can do for your faith is to remember.

VI. FAITH GROWS THROUGH FELLOWSHIP WITH STRONG BELIEVERS

Text: *Hebrews 10:24 NKJV* — “And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,”

Faith grows in the right environment.

Surround yourself with people who:

- Speak faith
- Live faith
- Encourage faith
- Challenge faith

Faith is contagious. Doubt is contagious. Fear is contagious. Hope is contagious.

Who you walk with determines how your faith grows.

Preaching Moment: If you want strong faith, walk with strong believers.

CONCLUSION: FAITH MUST BE CULTIVATED

Faith grows when you:

- Hear the Word
- Obey the Word
- Endure trials
- Pray consistently
- Remember God's works
- Walk with strong believers

Faith is not automatic — it is intentional. Faith is not accidental — it is cultivated. Faith is not fragile — it is powerful when developed.

God wants your faith to grow exceedingly.

CALL TO RESPONSE

Lift your hands and declare: **“Lord, grow my faith. Stretch my faith. Strengthen my faith. Mature my faith. I choose to cultivate the faith You have given me.”** Amen.