

Faith is Your First Step, Not Your Last

Faith is not really understood by believers, from my observation. I had a mixed up idea for a lot of my life, and I see it in others.

Faith needs to be understood and practised so that it's instinctive. Just like an athlete practises so their actions are automatically done without thinking, we need to do the same. We learn in life to depend on ourselves and on others, so this needs to be trained out of us. Only practising faith can strengthen how we use faith.

The best way to practise faith is by doing what the Spirit directs every day. This will train you to function in trust, rather than desperation, when things are tough. We always switch to 'God'¹ when we're in a jam, but without practise, we do it the wrong way.

On top of that, we miss all the occasions when we should be operating in faith because we rely on ourselves. Unfortunately, that's a BIG downside of being independent in the way society trains us.

Here's our King's instruction concerning faith training:

*“Re-establish yourself on the solid ground of faith. You cannot acquire spiritual benefits without trusting Me. And you cannot rely on your efforts in the natural realm to achieve maximum benefits in the Spirit. You have heard it said that desperate times call for desperate measures. **Do not think of faith as your last act of desperation, but your first choice** in getting help.”²*

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(Readers will need to look up for themselves any scriptures alluded to in this document)

1 – 'God': I use this term in inverted commas because 'God' is the generic term people use, while I don't any more. I have an intimate relationship with the members of the Trinity, so I refer to them by name out of relationship.

2 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (July 5, 2021) www.ft111.com/straws2021.htm