

STRONG FAITH - 2
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REVIEW – ROMANS 4:19-21

- Strong faith enabled Abraham to receive what God promised.
- Strong faith is needed because of the giants in the promised land.
- Abraham didn't always have strong faith.
- Faith can grow and increase.
- Increasing faith requires the right diet and exercise.

CONTINUE – LUKE 18:8

Jesus didn't say when He comes will He find grace, love, joy or peace on the earth. He said will He find faith. The Bible speaks of no, little, great, strong, perfect, weak, wavering and ship-wrecked faith. It also speaks of people departing from the faith and giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.

1 TIMOTHY 4:1-3

CHARACTERISTICS OF NO FAITH – MARK 4:36-41

- God doesn't care – **1 PETER 5:7**
- We're perishing – A picture of hopelessness. **NUMBERS 13:31**

CHARACTERISTICS OF LITTLE FAITH - MATTHEW 14:28-33

- Believes and acts on God's Word.
- Doubts when distracted by the circumstances.

CAUSES OF WAVERING FAITH – JAMES 1:5-8

- Reasoning – **LUKE 6:38** – How can giving produce more?
- Feelings – Of inadequacy, fear, unworthiness. **JOB 3:25**
- Not seeing God at work.
- Listening to bad advice.
- Listening to the devil.
- Focusing on the circumstances.

CHARACTERISTICS OF STRONG FAITH - ROMANS 4:19-21

- Isn't moved by finite limitations. The body being too old, Mary not knowing a man, only a little boy's lunch.
- Refuses to waver or doubt. The three Hebrew boys, the Centurion, the woman with the issue of blood, the Syrophenician woman.
- Gives glory to God before seeing results. Paul and Silas, Jehoshaphat.
- Is fully persuaded that God is able. Paul on the ship, Jesus before Lazarus.

CONCLUSION: Developing strong faith doesn't just happen. It happens because we feed on the right message and exercise our faith when challenged.

PSALMS 34:19 – A man was taught the first part of this verse and refused prayer for healing because of it. One can't develop strong faith if he's not hearing the proper message!

GENESIS 17:7, GALATIANS 3:29, LUKE 13:16 – We are the seed of Abraham. If she ought to be healed, then we ought to be healed.