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God's will for your life, his heart's desire, is for you to grow in your faith and have absolute confidence & dependence on Him. Our faith excites God!

In Matthew 8, the centurion trusted Jesus to heal his servant without even having to come to his home, and this is the only time in the Bible where Jesus was amazed by something somebody else did.

"When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, 'Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith'" (Matthew 8:10).

The only time Jesus was ever astounded in the whole New Testament was because of somebody's great faith in him. The centurion realized he could put his confidence in Jesus. He thought, *You don't need to come to my house; you just say the word, and my servant will be healed.*

Do you have a Faith like that? Do you desire to have a Faith like that?

Here is a list of practical ways that help our Faith to grow. Pastor Steve talked about a few of these during his message on 08.08.21. **Take a few minutes with your small group or family to review this short list below and share personal testimonies about ways that God has used a specific way to grow your faith and deepen your relationship with Him. Then (if time permits) – think of even more ways that you have experienced growth in your faith and share those with the group. Together we will all grow stronger – with each testimony!**

Things that Grow our Faith

- Listening to testimonies of Faith from other believers that you know personally.
 - Why is this helpful/beneficial to know them personally?
- Remind yourself of God's Past Faithfulness.
 - Rehearse stories of God's past faithfulness. (We see this a lot with Moses & David)
- Feed your faith & starve your doubts (**James 1:6, Matthew 21:21**)
- Believe the Impossible is Possible – Pray for the impossible. (**Luke 1:37**)
- Speak your faith – Proclaim it – **Matthew 8:10**
- Private Disciplines:
 - Our faith grows when it is fed. (Reading God's word, Memorizing scripture, Prayer)
 - Our faith grows through our personal encounters with God. (Sanctification, Transformation, Life Change)
- Faith is muscle that must be exercised. (**James 2:15-17**)
- Through Sacrificial Giving/Tithing
- Through Serving
- Through Boldness – when prompted by the Holy Spirit
- Difficult Choices/Decisions (**1 Peter 1:3-7, 2 Peter 1:3-7**)

What are some other ways you have experienced growth within your faith that are not listed here?