

A RESPONSIBLE FAITH

PART 1: WHAT KIND OF FAITH REALLY MATTERS?

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"... Don't be afraid; just believe."

Mark 5:36 (NIV)

FAITH DEFINED
Faith is a _____ . Faith is more than _____, it requires _____ with that faith, in _____ of my life.

THREE TYPES OF FAITH

"When Jesus had finished saying all this in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum. There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die.
Luke 7:1-2 (NIV)

"The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to Him, asking Him to come and heal his servant. When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with Him, "This man deserves to have You do this, because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue."
Luke 7:3-5 (NIV)

1. _____ FAITH: WHAT _____ I BELIEVE
(AND WANT _____ TO THINK I BELIEVE).

"So Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to Him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have You come under my roof. That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority with soldiers under me. I tell this one, "Go," and he goes; and that one. "Come," and he comes. I say to my servant, "Do this." and he does it."
Luke 7:6-8 (NIV)

2. _____ FAITH: WHAT _____ I
BELIEVE (BUT MAY _____ WHEN THE HEAT IS
ON).

"When Jesus heard this, He was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following Him, He said, "I tell you I have not found such great faith even in Israel." Luke 7:9 (NIV)

"And I tell you this, that many Gentiles will come from all over the world and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the feast in the Kingdom of Heaven. But many Israelites – those for whom the Kingdom was prepared - will be cast into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Matthew 8:11-12 (NLT)

"Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well."
Luke 7:10 (NIV)

3. _____ FAITH: WHAT _____
_____ I BELIEVE.

"What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, 'Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."
James 2:14-17 (NIV)