

Who wants to please God?

- Yes, but how?

- Hebrews 11:6

“Without **faith** it is impossible to please God”

- Are we “**people of faith**”??



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Faith Facts

So what is it?

- “Blind faith”?

- “Faith is trying to believe what you know isn’t true”?

- “Faith is an illogical belief in the occurrence of the improbable”?

- Hebrews 11:1

- **“Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen”**



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Where does it come from?

- ☀ Ephesians 2:8 – what is “*this*”??
- ☀ I Corinthians 12:9 – receive
- ☀ Romans 10:17 – listen

- ☀ Based on what we know :
 - God’s character and his word

- ☀ Do we know him and his word?
 - If not – can we have faith?



The natural consequence

- ☀ ***Faith is acting on what you believe without having seen it***

- ☀ James 2:17 “Faith without works is dead”

- ☀ Jesus only copied his Father
 - John 5:19, 5:30, 6:38, 8:28, 12:49, 14:10 ...
 - ... and look what he did!!!



How much is enough?

- ☀ Faith releases God's action
 - Matthew 9:29 "According to your faith it will be to you"
 - Matthew 17:20 "... the size of a mustard seed
⇒ nothing will be impossible to you" (Who - me?)
- ☀ Don't need "great faith in God", we need "faith in a great God"
- ☀ **Mark 9:23 "All things are possible to him who believes"**

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Are we ready?

- ☀ Do we have "enough" faith?
 - [even the mustard seed??]
 - Do we need more?!!
- ☀ Are we ready to **receive**, **listen** and **act**?
- ☀ How should we respond to "All things are possible to him who believes" ?
- ☀ **"I do believe, but help my unbelief"**

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