

Volume 3, Day 14: Faith through Eyes of Trust

I think that early in my journey I misunderstood what **faith** was. Read scriptures like, “without **faith** it is impossible to please God,” or “if you have enough **faith**, you can move this mountain.” And I had the idea that **faith** was something I needed to produce for God. I needed to come up with enough **confidence that God would do things the way I wanted** and if I could, God would actually do them. And so **faith** to me just became another religious work, like all the other things you've got to do to keep God happy.

In the last few years of my journey though, I've been learning that **faith** is something quite different. Maybe if we used a different word for **faith**, it would help us understand that **faith is not some internal willingness to believe** something or pretend I do, even if I don't on the inside. If you use the word **trust**, it would take us to a different dimension because **trust** makes it more of a relationship word.

There really isn't a word in the English language that matches the Greek verb for **faith**. That's why we talk about **faith** as a noun, but not **faith** as a verb. We don't **faith** something, but we do **trust**. I think **trust** is a better word here because **trust** is essential in relationship. **Trust** is not how much I'm willing to believe someone. **Trust** is the foundation of relationship. The more I know someone, the more I know they love me, care about me would lay down their life for me, the more I would know what things I could **trust** them with. Trust is the byproduct of a growing relationship, and I don't think it's meant to be any different with Jesus either. He meant to lead us to **trust** Him completely with our very lives! You can't demand it.