

## WHAT IT MEANS TO BELIEVE IN JESUS

#SermonFaith

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**John 3:16** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (NKJV)

**Matthew 7:21** Not everyone who calls me their Lord will get into the kingdom of heaven. Only the ones who obey my Father in heaven will get in. (CEV)

**James 2:14** ...if people say they have faith, but do nothing, their faith is worth nothing. Can faith like that save them? (NCV)

### What is F.A.I.T.H.?

#### 1. FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS

**John 13:17** ...you are blessed whenever you follow my example. (GW)

**John 8:12** I am the world's Light. No one who follows me stumbles around in the darkness. I provide plenty of light to live in. (MSG)

**Matthew 7:24** All who listen to my instructions and follow them are wise, like a man who builds his house on solid rock. (LB)

#### 2. ACCEPT GOD'S GRACE

**Romans 5:17** ...those people who accept God's full grace and the great gift of being made right with him will surely have true life and rule through Jesus Christ. (NCV)

**Romans 3:22** God says he will accept and acquit us—declare us "not guilty"—if we trust Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, by coming to Christ, no matter who we are or what we have been like. (LB)

**Mark 10:15** Unless you accept God's kingdom in the simplicity of a child, you'll never get in. (MSG)

#### 3. INVEST MY LIFE IN GOD

**Romans 6:13** ...give yourselves completely to God—every part of you—for you are back from death and you want to be tools in the hands of God, to be used for his good purposes. (LB)

**2 Corinthians 5:15** He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them. (NLT)

#### **4. TRUST JESUS FOR EVERYTHING**

**Colossians 2:6** And now just as you trusted Christ to save you, trust him, too, for each day's problems; live in vital union with him. (LB)

**Philippians 4:13** I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me. (TEV)

#### **5. HOLD ONTO GOD'S PROMISES**

**Hebrews 6:18** God can't break his word. And because his word cannot change, the promise is likewise unchangeable. We who have trusted our very lives to God have every reason to grab the promised hope with both hands and never let go. (MSG)

**John 11:25-26** Jesus said: I am the resurrection. Anyone who believes in me, even though that person dies, will live, <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this? (NJB)

**1 Peter 1:3-4** What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, <sup>4</sup> including a future in heaven—and the future starts now! (MSG)