

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing our series on Growing in your relationship with God. Today's topic: SAVING FAITH.

1) Why faith in God is necessary both for salvation and growth in your relationship with God

- a. Hebrews 11:1-3,6 What does the author of the Book of Hebrews tell us about the importance of faith?
- b. According to the Apostle Paul, how are we saved from the power and penalty of sin? Romans 5:1-2
- c. John 3:16 Why is believing in Jesus as your personal Savior an act of faith? (see also John 20:24-29)

2) Getting started on our journey with God

- a. What good news did the Apostle Paul share about faith? Romans 12:3, Ephesians 2:8, etc.
- b. In the light of these inspired testimonies, how should a person get started on their journey with God? Matthew 7:7 (for the gift or awareness?)
- c. When did you first notice that you were learning to have faith in God?
- d. What can we learn from the story recorded in Mark 9:20-27 about how our faith in God can become stronger?
- e. Share a time when your faith in God grew stronger when you trusted God's Word rather than your feelings.

3) The teaching of Jesus about faith

- a. What remarkable promises did Jesus give to those who choose to have faith in God? Luke 17:6, Matthew 17:20 (What is Jesus saying here?)

- b. What stories in the life of Jesus illustrate the importance of faith in God? Mark 4:35-41, Matthew 15:21-28, Luke 7:1-10, Luke 7:36-50, etc.

4) Examples of men and women of faith

- a. Hebrews 11:4-7, 8-11, 13-16, 17-22, 23-29, 30-40 Why did the Holy Spirit inspire the author of the Book of Hebrews to list all these examples of men and women of faith? (Romans 15:4)
- b. Which of these examples of men and women of faith impacts you the most?
- c. Where is God impressing you to step out in faith at this time in your life?

5) Holding fast to the faith of Jesus

- a. How does John describe God's faithful people in the last days of earth's history? Revelation 14:12
- b. Which commandments of God is the Apostle John referring to here?
- c. What does it mean to keep "the faith of Jesus"? Jude 3-4, Matthew 28:18-19, Acts 20:27-30
- d. How can we identify those who are seeking to lead us away from the faith of Jesus? Matthew 7:15-23, 2 Timothy 2:15, John 16:13, etc.
- e. How is it possible to keep "the faith of Jesus"?

