

Getting Started

Who do you trust? What factors contribute to that trust? On the other hand, what sorts of behavior hurt trust?

Into the Bible

Read the story of Abram, our father in faith, in Genesis 12:1-5. What prompted Abram to go to a land he didn't know? Do you think you would have done what Abram did?

Take a look at Hebrews 11:1, 8-13. What do we learn about Abraham's faith from these verses?

What is the relationship between faith, promise, and the character of God?

Does faith need the fulfillment of a promise to exist and thrive?

Think as young child: how long can a child's trust be maintained just as a promise? What does a child eventually need in order to maintain trust?

According to Hebrews 5:11-14, what should happen with our faith?

According to 2 Peter 1:5-8, what does a maturing faith look like?

Where does this leave the idea of a “childlike faith”?

Read 1 Corinthians 8:1 and Ephesians 3:19.16-19. What is Paul's warning about knowledge to the Corinthians?

What does he tell the Ephesians about the kind of knowledge that truly edifies faith (vv. 18-19, especially)?

One last one: How does Isaiah 55:8-11 inform this whole conversation? What assurances does it give for faith?

Digging Deeper

What's the one thing that makes it easier to trust the Lord?