



## THEME OF THE MONTH

# Faith

***Confidence that actions rooted in Godly character will yield the best outcome, even when you cannot see how.  
(Faith vs. Fear)***

1. Belief in God or in the doctrines (teaching) of religion
2. Confidence or trust in a person or thing
3. Loyalty to a person, promise or commitment
4. Trust in God and His promises as made through Christ

### Why is Faith Important?

*"It is impossible to please God without faith."*

**Hebrews 11:6 NLT**

*"Because of Christ and our faith in Him, we can come boldly and confidently into God's presence."*

**Proverbs 16:12 NLT**

*"Be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waiver, as a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea."*

**Proverbs 14:29 NLT**

*"Faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ..."*

**Romans 10:17 NLT**

### How Do We Practice Faith?

1. People of faith make decisions according to what they believe.
2. People of faith do what is right, and are confident in their decisions.
3. People of faith stays focused on what they believe and do not waiver.
4. People of faith stand strong, even in the midst of hardship.
5. People of faith do not fear, but have confidence in God.



## MAT CHAT TALKING POINTS

1. What character traits make a person someone we can have faith in?
2. Why is living what you believe so very important?
3. Why does it matter whether what you believe is true or not?
4. How does having faith help produce confident decisions?
5. Why is it important to stay focused on what we believe?
6. What are some ways that people or circumstances can cause you to waiver in your faith? How should you respond?
7. How can you influence the next generation to stay strong in their faith?
8. Why is it important to stay “faith-focused” in the midst of hardship?
9. When you feel afraid, how to you overcome fear?
10. How does overcoming problems and hardships boost your confidence in God?

### Talking Points:

Live What You Believe: No matter what you say you believe, your daily actions and attitudes speak louder, and really show what is most important to you.

Follow God’s Roadmap: It’s always easier to arrive at an intended destination if you follow the roadmap. A map provides direction and warns of dangers.

Help Others Experience Faith: Faith is something to be shared, and sharing our faith encourages others who may be struggling to find a better path to walk through life.

Don’t Be Afraid: Fear comes from focusing on the problem, not the solution. If God promises not to put more on us than we can handle, and also provide a way to get through life’s problems, then we should keep our focus on Him, and not the problem.