

Space for God Increase our Faith

PREPARATION

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.
Colossians 2:7

WORSHIP

Lord, we show our trust in you by obeying your laws;
our heart's desire is to glorify your name.
Isaiah 26:8

CONFESSION

As I learn your righteous regulations,
I will thank you by living as I should!
I will obey your decrees.
Please don't give up on me!
How can a young person stay pure?
By obeying your word.
Psalm 119:7-9

MEDITATION – Luke 17:5-10*

The apostles said to the Lord, "Show us how to increase our faith."
The Lord answered, "If you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'May you be uprooted and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you!"
"When a servant comes in from plowing or taking care of sheep, does his master say, 'Come in and eat with me'? No, he says, 'Prepare my meal, put on your apron, and serve me while I eat. Then you can eat later.' And does the master thank the servant for doing what he was told to do? Of course not. In the same way, when you obey me you should say, 'We are unworthy servants who have simply done our duty.'"

IN SOLITUDE AND/OR COMMUNITY	
Read	Slowly, several times.
Reflect	What does the text say?
Respond	How does it relate to my life?
Rest	I welcome God's healing and renewal.

ANCHORING PRAYER

I am Your servant.

REVIEW OF THE HEART

What did I do that was an act of obedience to God?
In what area of my life do I lack faith?

WISDOM

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going.
Hebrews 11:8

...and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing.
1 Corinthians 13:2b

Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine. Test yourselves. Surely you know that Jesus Christ is among you; if not, you have failed the test of genuine faith.
2 Corinthians 13:5

Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living.
Romans 6:16

TESTIMONY *What is God saying to me?*

INTERCESSION *Prayers for the Church, for others, and for me.*

BENEDICTION

Teach me your decrees, O Lord
I will keep them to the end.
Give me understanding and I will obey your instructions;
I will put them into practice with all my heart.
Make me walk along the path of
your commands,
for that is where my happiness is
found.
[Amen]
Psalm 119:33-35

SPACE FOR GOD DAILY
Be still and quiet before God.
Seek the Holy Spirit's filling and guidance.
Speak and act from a listening heart.
Actively serve in community with others.

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