

Limitless

#5: How To Make Faith Grow

3 Things God Will Use To Build Your Faith

Faith-builder #1: _____
Judges 7:2 *If I let all of you fight the Midianites, the Israelites will boast to me that they saved themselves by their own strength.*

Judges 7:7 *The LORD told Gideon, "With these 300 men I will rescue you and give you victory over the Midianites. Send all the others home."*

Muscle builder: _____
James 1:2-3 *Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.*

Faith-builder #2: _____
Exodus 16:4 *Then the Lord said to Moses, "Look, I'm going to rain down food from heaven for you. Each day the people can go out and pick up as much food as they need for that day. I will test them in this to see whether or not they will follow my instructions."*

Muscle builder: _____
Matthew 14:20 *They all ate as much as they wanted, and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftovers. About 5,000 men were fed that day, in addition to all the women and children!*

Faith-builder #3: _____
Hebrews 11:11-12 *It was by faith that even Sarah was able to have a child, though she was barren and was too old. She believed that God would keep his promise. And so a whole nation came from this one man who was as good as dead...*

Muscle builder: Remain focused _____
Isaiah 64:4 *For since the world began, no ear has heard and no eye has seen a God like you, who works for those who wait for him!*

I'm tired of the religion that says if I want something, God will do it. It always rings hollow to me, this idea that we know what's best for us and God's just waiting around for us to ask for it. I want the kind of faith that believes I'm almost always wrong about what I need. I want a faith that isn't compelled to try to change God's mind. I want an "even if He doesn't" faith. I want to know His ways are higher and very often, lower. I want the mystery and the promise and a loyalty that doesn't depend on getting my way. Want to know how I often know most clearly that something is "from God"? When it's the last thing I would have chosen for myself. Author unknown

What God has NOT promised

Wealth
Perfect health
A spouse
A child
Career success
Long life

What God has promised

Joy
Perfect peace
All your NEEDS (not wants)
He will never leave you
Grace to sustain us
To work all things out for our good
Strength in our weakness

Psalm 27:14 *"Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD."*

Deuteronomy 8:2 *Remember how the Lord your God led you through the wilderness for these forty years, humbling you and testing you to prove your character, and to find out whether or not you would obey his commands.*

Genesis 22:1 *Some time later, God tested Abraham's faith.*

Faith does not operate in the realm of the possible. There is no glory for God in that which is humanly possible. Faith begins where man's power ends. - George Mueller