

HOW GOD DEVELOPS OUR FAITH

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(Jesus) “According to your faith be it done to you.” And their eyes were opened.”

Matthew 9:29RSV

(Jesus) “Everything is possible for the person who has faith.’ The father at once cried out, ‘I do have faith, but not enough. Help me have more.’”

Mark 9: 23-24 TEV

Six Orderly Steps to Greater Faith

GOD LEADS US THROUGH THE...

1. Dream Phase

“Now glory to God who by his mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of – infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes.”

Ephesians 3:20 LB

“Anything that is not done in faith is
sin.”

Romans 14:23GW

2. Decision Phase

“A doubtful mind will be as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind; and every decision you then make will be uncertain, as you turn first this way, and then that. If you don’t ask with faith, don’t expect the Lord to give you any solid answer.”

James 1:6-8LB

Faith requires two decisions...

- I must Invest
- I must Let go

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3. Delay Phase

“But these things I plan won’t happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed.”

Habakkuk 2:3 NLT

***Common reaction to delays
is doubt**

4. Difficulty Phase

Two difficulties that always test us:

- 1) Problems due to circumstances**
- 2) Problems due to critics**

“At present you may be temporarily harassed by all kinds of trials. This is no accident – it happens to prove your faith, which is infinitely more valuable than gold.”

1 Peter 1: 6 & 7PME

5. Dead End Phase

“At that time we were completely overwhelmed, the burden was more than we could bear, in fact we told ourselves that this was the end. Yet we believe now that we have this sense of impending disaster so that we might learn to trust, not in ourselves, but in God who can raise the dead.”

2 Corinthians 1:8 & 9PME

6. Deliverance Phase

“He delivered us from so deadly a peril,
and he will deliver us; on him we have set
our hope that he will deliver us again.”

2 Corinthians 1:10RSV

“Trust in the LORD. Have faith, do not despair. Trust in the LORD.”

Psalm 27:14TEV