

God's Gift of Faith

Week 7

What Are You Talking About?

Adam and Eve soon realized that falling into the lie that they could be “on their own” or independent was indeed just that – a lie. Unfortunately, we fall into the same lie. Being independent looks good but it isn't what is true about us. We are dependent people.

Because we are dependent people we are people who live by faith. Everyone lives by faith. We have no choice about that. Even an atheist lives by faith. He *believes* there is no God. He cannot prove that there is no God. He may have what he considers good evidence to believe his convictions are correct. However, he has to have faith that what he *believes* is true.

As we said – everyone lives by faith. The only difference is *in what* or *in whom*. And that makes quite a difference in our lives. Perhaps, most of all, in how we see ourselves.

God is aware that we won't trust Him by His merely telling us to do so. In fact, we don't make a decision to trust someone or something. We only “try it out.” Real faith is something that develops without our deciding to do it. It happens when someone is trustworthy. When he really cares, when he proves to be capable, when his always truthful and much more.

God knows this. That is why He comes to us as He does in Jesus. He doesn't make trusting Him something we *should* do. He makes it happen in us by being who He truly is.



Goal: To see God as the one who builds faith in us.

RecEffect 2
So Your Question Is?
Friday, Nov 13th
8 pm – 7 am

Web Extra

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oP5gtOf_njc&NR=1&feature=fvwp

This short film is to get the point of how hard it is for us to manage our life without God – actually impossible!

Lifeguard Group

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Try This!

http://www.creativeyouthideas.com/blog/creative_teaching_ideas/experts.html

Be Useful Gal. 5:13
Consider ways that trust can be strengthened in the relationship you have with your parents.

My Yeah God!

My Shout Out!

That's A Good Question!

From Life On The Rock

How is trust built up between the horse and rider?
Which character do you think has the hardest time trusting others and why?

THE LUTHERAN HANDBOOK

Read and discuss the 3rd Article on page 205

MY FAITH BOOK

Read and discuss pages 38-39

FROM THE HOLY BIBLE

Read and discuss Mark 9:14-29
It's a pretty bizarre story, but take note of 9:24.
Who did the father look to for greater faith?
Our faith is increased by Jesus.

Key Verse

God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. (Ephesians 2:8)