

WHAT IS FAITH?

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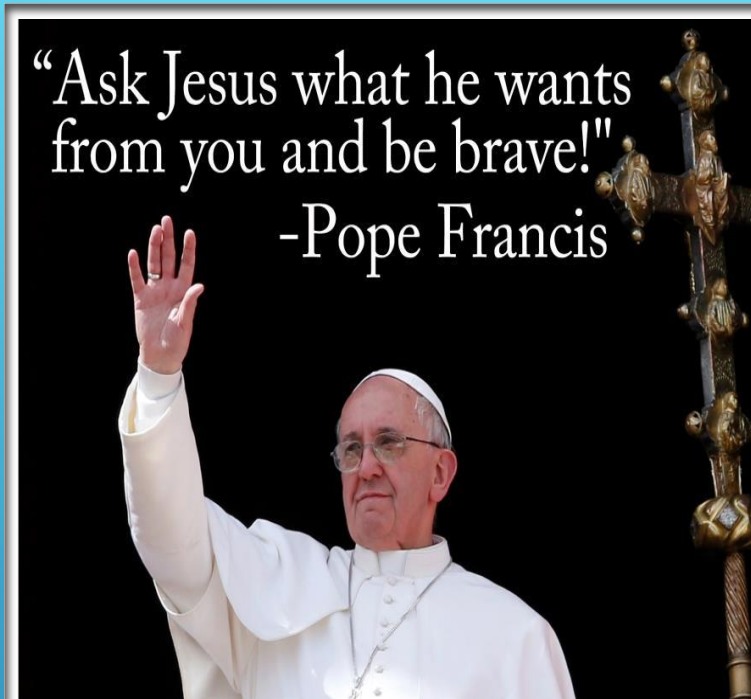
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QUESTIONS , QUESTIONS,
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- ▶ Faith is having complete trust or confidence in someone or something or a strong belief in the doctrines of a religion, based on spiritual conviction rather than proof.
- ▶ Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen (CCC 146)
- ▶ Faith is a personal adherence of man to God, a free assent to the whole truth that God has revealed (CCC 150)
- ▶ The Church never ceases to proclaim her faith in one God: father, Son, and Holy Spirit (CCC 152)
- ▶ Faith is a never-ending process; it is always growing and will never be finished with our faith formation on earth
- ▶ By faith, man completely submits his intellect and his will to God (The obedience of faith)

WHAT IS FAITH?

WHAT DOES FAITH FEEL LIKE?





- ▶ The Characteristics of Faith (CCC 153 – 165)
 - ▶ Grace
 - ▶ Human Act
 - ▶ Certain
 - ▶ Seeks Understanding
 - ▶ Faith and science
 - ▶ Freedom
 - ▶ Necessity
 - ▶ Perseverance
 - ▶ Beginning of eternal life

DOES HAVING FAITH MEAN WE DON'T
QUESTION OR DOUBT?

THE BIBLE AND FAITH

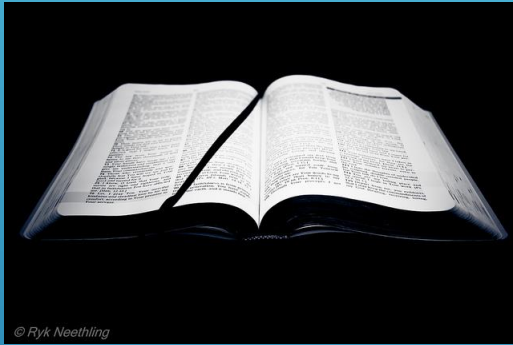
- ▶ Gal 3:26
- ▶ Eph 2:8
- ▶ Mk 9:23-24
- ▶ Ps 27:1
- ▶ Mt 8:26
- ▶ Mt 9:2-6
- ▶ Mk 5:34
- ▶ Mk 10:46-52
- ▶ Rom 16:26
- ▶ Rom 1:5
- ▶ 2Cor 10:5-6

Preach the gospel everyday;
if necessary, use words.

Francis of Assisi



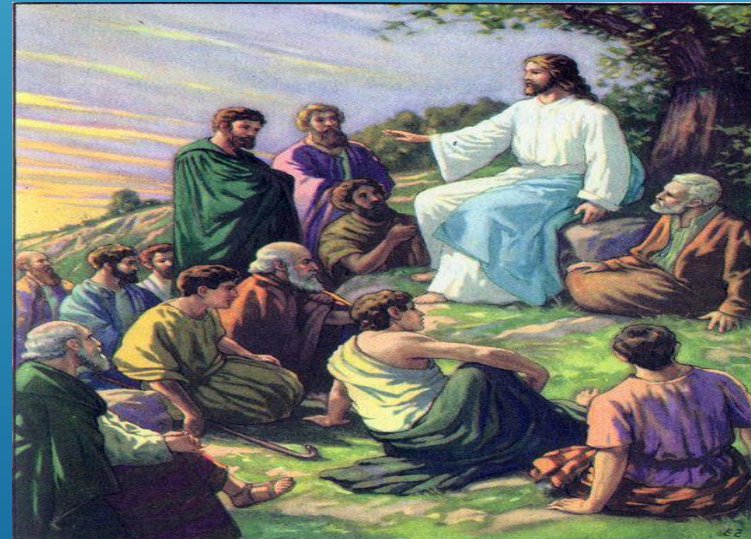
FAITH IN ACTION



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NURTURING OUR FAITH



▶ MY LORD GOD, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

▶ • Thomas Merton, "Thoughts in Solitude"

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