

# Faith Factory

## Part 1: Desire

This series will teach us, or remind us of, the basics of how to live a life of faith.

The simple steps we take will always produce results when followed.

**Mark 11:12-14** // “12 Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. 13 And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. 14 In response Jesus said to it, “Let no one eat fruit from you ever again.” And His disciples heard it.

**Mark 11:20-26** // 20 Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. 21 And Peter, remembering, said to Him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away.” 22 So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. 23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. 24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. 25 “And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. 26 But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses”.

**In these verses we see faith in action.**

**Then we see Jesus teaching us how we can operate in the same kind of faith in our own lives**

**Notice that Jesus used His own actions as the example.**

He is basically saying, "I want you to live by the same kind of faith that I did"

**We should not live life with an "Oh, that was Jesus and I could never hope to live like that" mentality**

Jesus has the expectation that we will live like and do the same things He did.

**John 14:12** // “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.”

**Jesus expects us to act like He did and expect the same results.**

**How many people have short changed the magnitude of what their life could achieve because they believe in only half of the example Jesus left us?**

**What kind of life did the life of faith that Jesus lived produce?**

It produced a life of the miraculous.

It produced a life of no mountain so large that it can't be moved.

God is challenging us to begin living like Jesus did and expecting the same results.

**Faith is not just a mental thought based on a scripture to sooth our emotions. It is a force that God expects us to use, just as Jesus did, to affect this natural life.**

**Use the force of faith to operate in life, just like Jesus did!**

**Mark 11:22** // So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God.

Jesus encourages us to "Have the faith of God"

To walk in faith just like Jesus did.

To follow His example.

**If we do things like Jesus did, we should get the results Jesus god!**

**If we follow the process, the end result will be the same results!**

Part 1: **Desire**

In our example found in Mark 11, we see Jesus cursing a fig tree.

**Jesus used this to show all of humanity how to operate their Faith Factory.**

**He didn't use a healing, the salvation of someone, or any other spiritual desire.**

His faith was used to accomplish something His heart desired to see happen.

**This should challenge the limits of our thinking about how our faith can be used!**

**If it was the desire of God for us to use our faith only for spiritual or bare necessities then why did He use this very natural example.**

He used faith to accomplish a personal desire and deal with **an object of frustration**

How many of us are accepting frustrating situations in life that are standing in the way of our desire?

**God has given us faith to help us relieve our frustrations and recognize our personal desires as we serve Him!**

The life of faith should be a wonderful adventure of you partnering with God to realize your hopes and dreams as you allow His love to affect those around you for good!

**Why is this a big deal?**

One of the biggest enemies of faith is the religious life that God only cares about barely meeting your needs and only cares about things that have spiritual significance to the Kingdom.

**In Mark 11, we see that faith is a spiritual force we've been given to use for a wide variety of things.**

And in the moments where we use our faith for personal hopes, dreams, and even gain, it is no less spiritual

**God expects us to use our faith for whatever we need or want in this life.**

**Mark 11:24** // “Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire [all things whatever ASV], when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”

**Notice "What things soever you DESIRE"**

**He didn't say whatever you NEED.**

Desire = whatever (Greek)

But does "whatever" have any religious stipulations we've placed upon it?

**Whatever (Greek) = no matter how great, anything without limitation.**

Jesus said that we could use our faith for anything without limitation.

**He didn't stop there, he added the words "all things"**

**All Things (Greek) = every kind of thing**

So basically He said, "every kind of thing, no matter how great and without limitations" are the things we can, AND SHOULD, use our faith for.

**Does without limitation have any limitation?**

The only limitation would be, does God forbid it in God's word

**It is no less spiritual to use your faith for hopes and dreams than it is to use your faith for kingdom things.**

**John 16:24** // “Up to this time you have not asked a [single] thing in My Name ... but now ask and keep on asking and you will receive, so that your joy (gladness, delight) may be full and complete.”

Jesus wants us to **ask and keep on asking** for the things that will delight us.

**Let's go back to Mark 11 and look at something else Jesus pointed out in regard to how to use our faith.**

**Mark 11:23** // For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain...

**Note that in defining how to use our faith, Jesus didn't use molehills as an illustration.**

First he showed us a non spiritual, natural desire.

But then in defining how to operate in this faith, he used the term mountains.

**Your desires, hopes, and dreams don't have to be limited to small things only.**

**God is interested in satisfying your big requests.**

He's given us access to faith that can move mountains!

**Ephesians 3:20** // "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,"

**The faith He has placed within us is there to tap into "exceeding abundantly" above.**

Our problem is the power at work within us is a "only spiritual bare necessities" faith.

We've bought the lie that anything more is ungodly.

But God challenges us to start believing for more.

**Because that is the life Jesus came to give us!**

**John 10:10** // "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly, to the full, till it overflows, more and better life than we ever dreamed of."

**Jesus desires for us to use our faith for our wildest dreams!**

**Why is that?**

• **He loves us and simply put, He's just a good God!**

Don't you want the best of the best for your kids?

**Matthew 7:11** // If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

• **A happy, blessed, well-off camper is a better billboard than a beaten, worn out pilgrim just passing through.**

**Malachi 3:12** // "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the LORD Almighty.

**When your life is full of delight instead of hardship, people will identify you as blessed.**

**God wants us to use our faith for anything and everything we need or want in this life.**

Serving God should not mean you can't have your wildest hopes and dreams come true.

**If God didn't want us to trust him for more than just our needs then why did he encourage us to do so in scripture?**

**Matthew 6:33** // “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

He didn't say in this verse to seek first the kingdom because you shouldn't want all these rotten things.

**He said if you'll seek first the kingdom, I'll give you the things that you desire.**

**Psalms 37:4** // “Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires (secret petitions) of thine heart.”

**If you love God, then stop doubting the fact that God wants to give you what you desire!**

**If you are seeking God then He has placed that desire within you.**

And embracing that desire as a Godly thing is the first key to operating your Faith Factory.

**The first step to operating your Faith Factory to to forever settle that God desires to satisfy your every hope and dream.**

**Mark 11:24** // “Therefore I say unto you, What things soever [all things whatever] ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”

Remove any doubt, that for some mysterious reason, God is opposed to satisfying your desire.

**This questioning, doubtful belief will shutdown the Faith Factory before you ever get to the assembly line.**

**Psalms 35:27** // Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause, who want me to win and be happy and joyful: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

**God's pleasure is prospering you in every aspect of your life.**

**Mark 11:24** // “Therefore I say unto you, What things soever [all things whatever] ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”