

Having a Growing Faith in a COVID World

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“It is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.”
(Hebrews 11:6, NLT)

1. FAITH IS DEPENDENT ON WHAT I KNOW ABOUT GOD.

“This is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.” (John 17:3, NLT)

God has revealed himself in the Bible and creation.

God has perfectly revealed himself in Jesus Christ.

2. FAITH COMPELS ME TO SURRENDER MY LIFE TO CHRIST.

“Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” (Matthew 11:28–29, NLT)

3. FAITH CAN GROW PHENOMENALLY DURING THIS CRISIS.

“You need to know, friends, that thanking God over and over for you is not only a pleasure; it’s a must. We have to do it. Your faith is growing phenomenally; your love for each other is developing wonderfully. Why, it’s only right that we give thanks.” (2 Thessalonians 1:3, Message)

- a. Faith grows as we become more like Christ.

“God knew what he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son. The Son stands first in the line of humanity he restored. We see the original and intended shape of our lives there in him.” (Romans 8:29, Message)

- b. Faith grows as we love one another more and more.

“...your love for each other is developing wonderfully.”
(2 Thessalonians 1:3)

“I have no personal objection to Mr. Henry; he is a good man, a Christian gentleman, but I do not know where he came from, so I cannot consent to your marriage with him.” “Well, father,” said the young lady, “though we don’t know where he came from, we do know where he is going, and I would like to go there with him.”
-Conversation between the grandfather and mother of Matthew Henry

- c. Faith grows with generosity.

“For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.”
(2 Corinthians 9:10, NLT)

- d. Faith grows with zeal.

“I will show you my faith by my good deeds.” (James 2:18, NLT)