

## Summary of Teaching on Faith in God

**The Importance of Faith:** Without faith we should not “expect to receive anything from the Lord” (James 1:7). But with faith, as Jesus tells us, “all things are possible” (Mark 9:23). We can receive all that God has for us.

### The Three Parts of Faith:

**#1. A word from God to stand on;** a promise or statement of God’s will from Scripture that applies to you. (This can also come by the Spirit for a particular situation.)

The Greek word for faith, when referring to this can be translated as *“the faith.”*

**#2. Firm trust in God and God’s word to you.** Confident assurance that God will do what he promises.

The Greek word for faith, when referring to this is simply translated as *“faith.”*

**#3. Appropriate action.** Our acts of obedience to God in light of his word to us and our trust in him.

The Greek word for faith, when referring to this can be translated as *“faithfulness.”*

### Three Obstacles to Faith:

**1. Presumption.** This is especially connected to the first part of faith. This is when you claim to be standing on a word that God never gave. This also affects the second and third part of faith. Your trust and action will come to nothing.

**2. Doubt.** Doubt is especially connected to the second part of faith. Doubt means that you are not fully convinced that God will do what he promises. You are afraid that God won’t come through for you. And so you begin to waver - “Should I trust God, or not?” This then, affects the third part of faith, since when you doubt, you don’t act.

**3. Giving up.** This has to do with all three parts of faith. You act on your belief and trust, but then things get hard and so you quit.

**God’s faithfulness:** God always comes through for those who have faith. He acts to fulfill his promises. He keeps his word.

