



Trust Me

Matthew 8:5-10

Big Idea: How to Get Absolute Confidence God is with You.

Bottom Line: If we lived with the confidence God was with us, for us, working through us, our responses to everything would be different.

Introduction:

Imagine with me.

What if God really existed, and what if you had perfect faith in him?

What if you were absolutely confident God was with you – every step you took?

Humanity's problems began when we quit trusting God.

When trust was broken, the relationship was broken, and sin followed.

The entire Old and New Testament is a story of God saying, "Trust Me."

Christianity is an invitation to reenter a relationship of trust with God the Father.

Truth:

Read Matthew 8:5-10.

Qaumazw: marvel; be astonished; to be extraordinarily impressed by. This is the **only** time this word is attributed to Jesus. Jesus never marveled at anyone's obedience.

There are five ingredients God uses to build our faith.

1. Practical Teaching – shows us where we are, where we aren't, and where we need to be.
2. Wholesome Relationships – Allows us to hear from God through others.
3. Personal (Spiritual) Disciplines – Aligns our hearts with the heart of God.
4. Servant Ministry – Positions us to experience God's power.
5. Challenging Circumstances – Forces us to look in God's direction.

Bible knowledge **alone** makes you proud.

Obedience **alone** makes you judgmental and legalistic.

Trust makes you dependent.

Matthew 9:22: Jesus turned and saw her, “Take heart, daughter,” he said, “your faith has healed you.” And the woman was healed at that moment.

Matthew 9:29: Then he touched their eyes, and said, “According to your faith will it be done to you.”

Mark 2:5: When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”

We don’t obey to gain something. We obey because we trust someone.

Conclusion:

Imagine what your life would look like if you trusted God completely.

God doesn’t just want your obedience. He could force that. He wants you to trust him and love him.

At times, his ways are not our ways. His rules are not our rules. In those moments, he whispers, “Trust me.” When the going gets tough, the maturity of your faith will determine your response.

And the maturity of your faith will be greatly determined by the five things God uses to grow your faith.

The issue isn’t the validity of the rule or the request. It is the motive of the rule-giver. And so, at the cross, the Father through the Son said to every man—trust me. I’m all in for you. I can’t fully explain why I do the things I do—just trust me.

And he’s been working to build our faith ever since.

Our goal isn’t to know more or even do more. It is to trust more deeply. In that, the Father is honored. And our lives are better.

Application & Next Steps:

- Memorize Matthew 8:10
- Join us for every week of *Big Faith*.
- Pray for God to increase your faith.