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**Exceedingly Growing Faith Series – Part 1: A Strong Foundation of Faith**

Series Intro: We are beginning a new series today called *Exceedingly Growing Faith*. God desires all believers to grow in every area of their spiritual life, including their faith. In this series, we will learn how our faith can continue to grow.

2 Thessalonians 1:3 “We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, **because your faith grows exceedingly**, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other”

Part 1 A Strong Foundation of Faith

When constructing a building, the first thing that you must build is a strong foundation. The same is true with our faith. So, likewise, to develop exceedingly growing faith, you must first build a strong foundation of faith. So, in this sermon, we will review and strengthen our foundation of faith.

1. How can you have faith?
	1. Faith comes by hearing the Word - Romans 10:17
	2. Faith for salvation comes by hearing - Romans 10:13-17
	3. Faith for healing comes by hearing - Acts 14:7-10
2. What is faith?
	1. Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen – Hebrews 11:1
	2. Abraham was fully convinced – Romans 4:21
3. How does faith work?
	1. Faith must have corresponding actions – James 2:17, 22
	2. A woman is healed by acting on her faith – Mark 5:27-28, 34

Conclusion: Before your faith can grow exceedingly, you must be sure you have a strong foundation of faith by knowing how faith comes, what faith is, and how faith works.

Discussion Questions:

1. What must you do to have faith?
2. How does the Bible define faith?
3. How can you use your faith?