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Living by Faith - Part 8: Your Faith Can Grow

The Bible teaches that our faith can grow. As Christians, it is important to continue to grow in our faith. Our faith will grow by feeding it on God's Word and exercising our faith.

Truth to take hold of: Your faith will grow when you feed it on God's Word and exercise it.

1 The Bible reveals that faith can be measured.

- 1.1 Luke 12:28 - little faith
- 1.2 Rom. 4:19 - weak faith
- 1.3 Rom. 4:20 – strong faith
- 1.4 Matt. 8:10 - great faith

2 Your faith can grow.

- 2.1 Abraham had faith that became stronger. Romans 4:20
- 2.2 Paul commends the Thessalonian Christians because their faith grew exceedingly. 2 Thess. 1:3
- 2.3 Paul speaks of the necessity for the Corinthians' faith to grow. 2 Cor. 10:15
- 2.4 George Mueller (1805-1898) - founded an orphanage in Bristol, England
 - 2.4.1 At 93 years of age, he wrote: "When I first began praying and believing God, it took all the faith I had to believe God for 1 American dollar. But after feeding my faith daily on the Word of God for 50 years, I could believe God for 1 million dollars just as easily as 1 dollar 50 years before."

3 Faith, like a muscle, grows by feeding and exercising our faith.

- 3.1 Faith grows by feeding it on God's Word.
 - 3.1.1 We live by every Word of God. We also live by faith, and faith comes from hearing the Word. Matthew 4:4, Romans 10:17
 - 3.1.2 One reason the Thessalonians' faith grew exceedingly has to do with their attitude in receiving the Word. 1 Thessalonians 2:13
 - 3.1.3 When we feed our faith we create the capacity for faith to grow.
- 3.2 Faith grows by exercising it.
 - 3.2.1 When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, Jesus said use the faith you have. Luke 17:5-6
 - 3.2.2 Another reason why the Thessalonians' faith grew exceedingly is because they used their faith by responding to the difficulties of life by faith.
 - 3.2.2.1 The testing of your faith. James 1:2-4
 - 3.2.2.2 An example of James 1:2 is in 2 Thessalonians 1:3-4
- 3.3 When tests and trials come to you, respond in faith.

Conclusion: Your faith can grow by feeding it on God's Word and by exercising it. When the tests and trials of life come, respond in faith.

Discussion Questions:

1. What happens when we feed our faith?
2. What are the two reasons why the Thessalonians' faith grew exceedingly?
3. What two things should you do so that your faith can grow exceedingly.