

HOW CAN I HAVE FAITH?

WEEK FOUR

Everyone who has had a relationship with Christ has struggled with this question at least once.

How can we believe in something we can't see? Am I a bad person or a bad Christian if I have doubts?

We believe there is undeniable evidence in the death **and** the resurrection of Christ. Having faith is not blindly believing and following, but a step based on evidence. Take a moment to dive into some of this evidence with us.

And as always, check out the resources, and you can always reach out to one of our pastors!

EXPLORING THE QUESTION

MAIN IDEA

Faith is believing in what we cannot see. We can have **faith in Jesus** because of what the Bible says about Him and the way He continues to move today! How can we live out our faith? We can follow the commands of Jesus (tell people about God & Love God and love people!).

CONVERSATION

(questions your kids may ask you)

- What are some things you DO have faith in?
- Is having faith in Jesus something that is hard or easy for you?

RESOURCES

- Adult Alpha guide
- Song: Give Me Faith by Elevation Worship
- Video Sermon: *"The King and the Cave"* by Passion City
- Podcast: *"Is faith anti-intellectual?"* by NT Wright

ALL RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT:
universitycarillon.net/AlphaKids



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▶ ALPHA ADULT GUIDE: WEEK THREE

See next page(s) for the Adult Alpha guide.

▶ SONG: GIVE ME FAITH BY ELEVATION WORSHIP

LISTEN

▶ VIDEO SERMON: "THE KING AND THE CAVE" BY PASSION CITY.

Our circumstances can take a turn for the worse in an instance. How should we respond when our trials begin to mount up? Explore how David reacts when everything in his life begins to fall apart. What does the character of the future king look like when he has to handle a crisis? And what does that mean for us as we try to navigate hard times?

WATCH VIDEO

▶ PODCAST: "IS FAITH ANTI-INTELLECTUAL?" BY NT WRIGHT

Is faith a valid way of knowing truth? Will we need faith in the new creation? Why is my church so anti-intellectual?

LISTEN

- ▶ Want to discuss this question further? Reach out to one of our pastors by emailing pastors@universitycarillon.net



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ALPHA GUIDE

‘Those who become Christians become new persons. They are not the same anymore, for the old life is gone. A new life has begun!’ (2 Corinthians 5:17, NLT)

A Christian is a *Christ*-ian: someone who follows and puts their faith in Jesus Christ.

How that happens varies enormously. For some there is a definite moment; for others it is a more gradual process.

- When you receive Christ, you become a child of God (John 1:12)
- God wants you to be sure of your faith

‘I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life’

(1 JOHN 5:13)

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1. THE WORD OF GOD

We must not only trust our feelings, which can be changeable and may even be deceptive at times, but instead rely on God’s promises.

- ‘... faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of God.’ (Romans 10:17)
- ‘I will come in’ (Revelation 3:20)
- ‘I am with you always’ (Matthew 28:20)
- ‘I give them eternal life’ (John 10:28)

2. THE WORK OF JESUS

You come exactly as you are. It’s not about what you do or what you can achieve; it’s about what has been done for you by Jesus on the cross.

- Free gift of God (Romans 6:23)
- It’s free but not cheap: it cost Jesus his life
- We receive it through repentance (turning away from sin) and faith (trust)

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3. THE WITNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

When someone becomes a Christian, God comes to live inside them by his Holy Spirit (Romans 8:9).

- He transforms us from within
 - Our characters (Galatians 5:22–23)
 - Our relationships
- He brings a deep personal conviction that we are God’s children
 - Faith to knowledge (Romans 8:15–16)

Here is a very simple prayer that you can pray to open the door of you heart to Jesus Christ and invite him to come into your life by his Spirit:

Lord Jesus Christ,
 I am sorry for the things I have done wrong in my life (take a few moments to ask his forgiveness for anything particular that is on your conscience). Please forgive me. I now turn from everything that I know is wrong. Thank you that you died on the cross for me so that I could be forgiven and set free. Thank you that you offer me forgiveness and the gift of your Spirit. I now receive that gift. Please come into my life by your Holy Spirit to be with me forever. Thank you, Lord Jesus. Amen.

