

# A WINNING FAITH: STRENGTHENING YOUR FAITH

Use this guide for personal or small group study.

## **REFLECT >>>**

1. In your view, what are the differences between a stagnant faith and a growing faith?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What causes a person to lose faith?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What are some ways a person might strengthen their faith?

## **READ YOUR BIBLE >>>**

- James 2:14-18, 26
- Luke 17:5-7

## **APPLY** GOD'S WORD TO YOUR LIFE >>>

- Is faith without action really faith at all? Why or why not?
- James states, "Faith without works is dead." Why do you think faith needs works?
- The disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith. Jesus responded by saying a little faith put into action can do great things. How does putting action to what you say you believe help your faith grow?
- Name as many ways as you can that Jesus called His followers to put their faith into action.

God acted through the death and resurrection of Jesus to bring salvation to you. The question that begs to be asked is, "Once I am saved, then what?" As you read scripture you see that Jesus has expectations of His followers. Those expectations involve putting action to what you say you believe. Simply stated, our faith needs to be exercised through works that serve God. As redeemed sons and daughters of God, we are called to join with God in His work in this world. As we put our faith into action we can accomplish great things for the kingdom of God. More than that, our faith is strengthened and grows through those works that reflect who we are as Christ followers. As James states, "Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds."

## **PRAY >>>**

Heavenly Father, I need to daily thank You for Your saving work in my life. As an expression of my faith, I commit to put action to what I say I believe today; to respond to what you have done for me with works great or small that serve You and make You smile. I desire to join with You in Your work in this world. Receive my works as an offering of love to You, O God, I pray. Amen.