"What Happens When You Have Faith"
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Thrive - Part 1
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"This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life." Romans 1:17 (NLT)

"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him." Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

Faith is <u>seeing life from God's point of view</u>.

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

"Don't be afraid!" Elisha told him. "For there are more on our side than on theirs!" Then Elisha prayed, "O Lord, open his eyes and let him see!" The Lord opened the young man's eyes, and when he looked up, he saw that the hillside around Elisha was filled with horses and chariots of fire." 2 Kings 6:16-17 (NLT)

<u>Seeing Through Eyes of Fear</u>:

1. Fear <u>exaggerates</u> my problems.

". . .it does flow with milk and honey! . . . But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. . . We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are."
Numbers 13:27, 28, 31 (NIV)

2. Fear causes me to <u>underestimate</u> what God can do through me.

"We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them." Numbers 13:33 (NIV)

3. Fear causes me to <u>give up and settle for less</u> than God's best.

"Why is the Lord bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?" Numbers 14:3 (NIV)

<u>Seeing Through Eyes of Faith</u>:

1. Faith <u>shrinks</u> my problems.

"Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible."
Matthew 19:26 (NLT)

2. Faith <u>opens the door</u> for a miracle.

"Because of your faith, it will happen." Matthew 9:29 (NLT)

"Have faith in God. I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, 'May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart. I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours." Mark 11:22-24 (NLT)

"And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith."
Matthew 13:58 (NIV)

3. Faith <u>unlocks the promises</u> of God.

"For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!" 2 Corinthians 1:20 (NLT)

4. Faith <u>turns God-given dreams</u> into reality.

"Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think."
Ephesians 3:20 (NLT)

5. Faith gives me <u>power to hold on</u> in tough times.

"We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed."
2 Corinthians 4:8-9 (NLT)

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."
John 3:16 (NIV)