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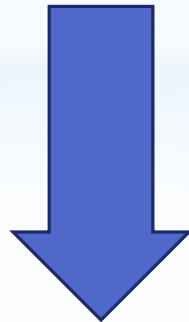
Filipino Christian living (summer)

All about faith

1. God loves you!

The bible says, "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"

The problem is that...



2. All of us have done , said or thought things that are wrong. This is called sin, and our sins have separated us from God.

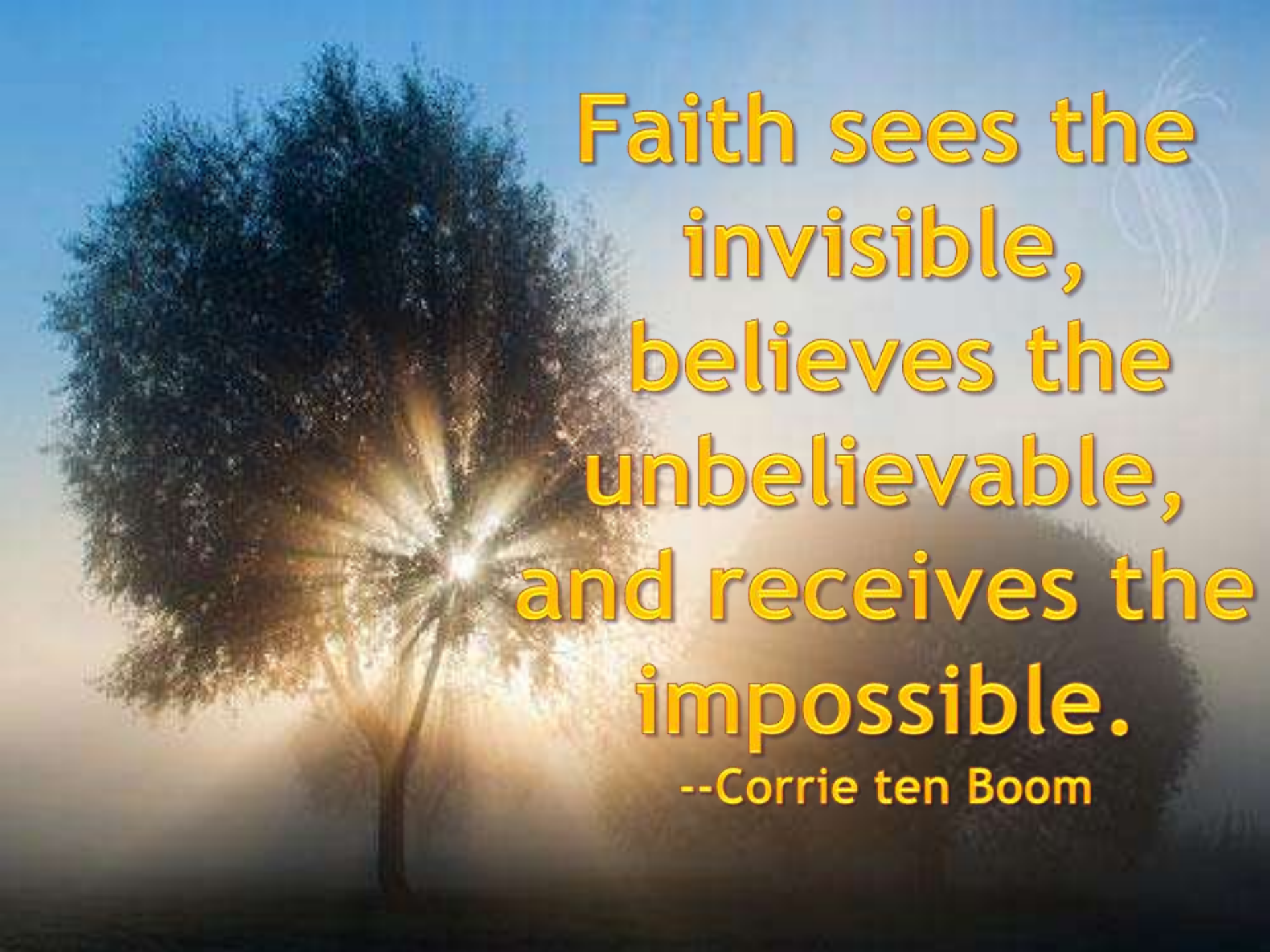
The bible say , “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God .” God is perfect and holy , and our sins separate us from God forever. The bible says “the wages of sin is death”

the good news is that,
about 2000 years ago.



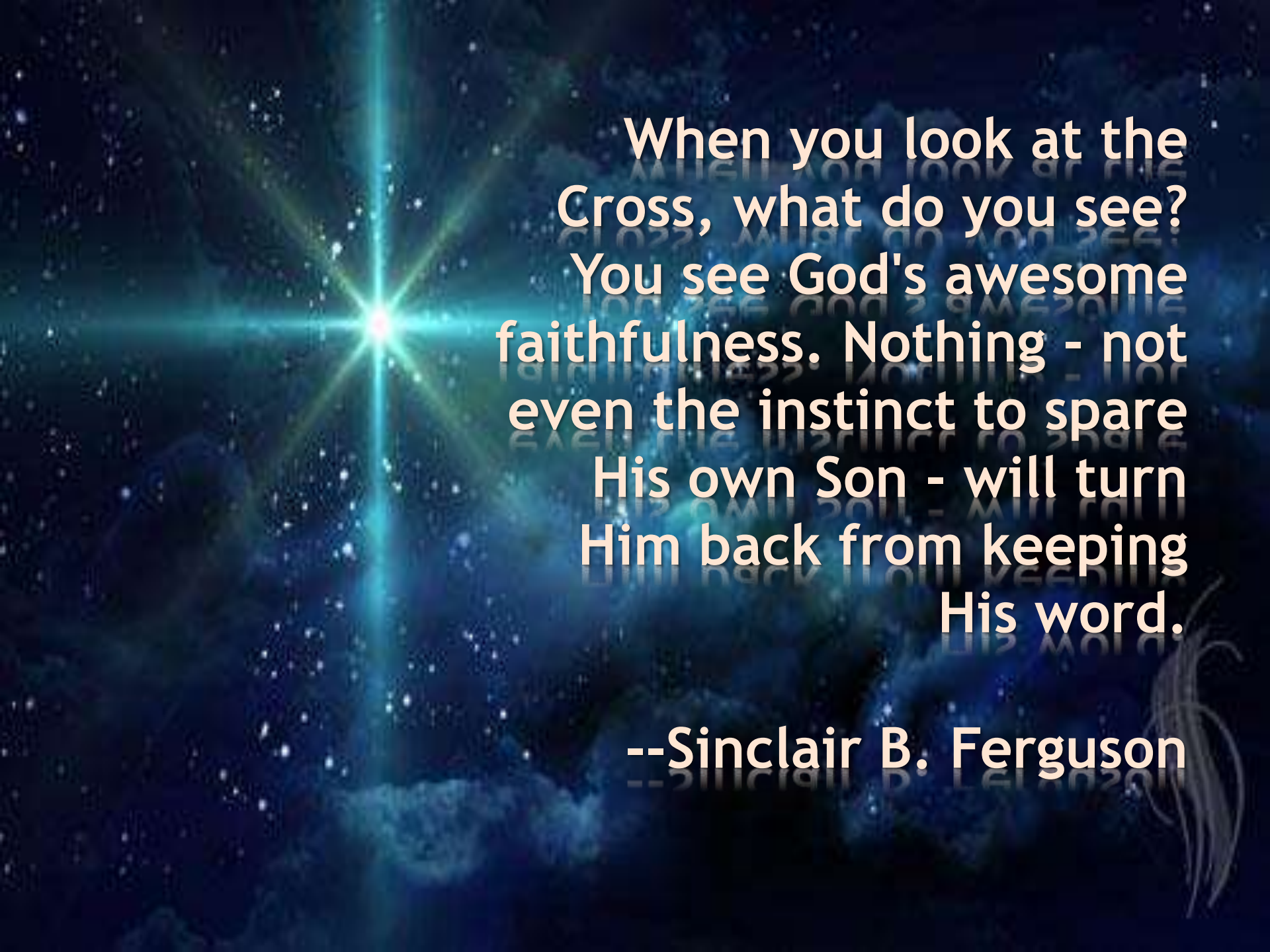
God sent his only son Jesus Christ to die for our sins

Jesus is the son of God . He lived a sinless life and then died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins. “god demonstrates His own love for us by sending his only son, who died for us. Jesus rose from the dead and now He lives in heaven with God , his father. He offers us the gift of eternal life-of living forever with Him in heaven if we accept Him as our Lord and savior. Jesus said “I am the way the truth and the life . No one comes to the father except by me “ god reaches out in love to you and wants you to be his child.” as many as received him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe In his name.” you can choose to ask Jesus Christ to forgive your sins and come into your life as your Lord and Savior.



Faith sees the
invisible,
believes the
unbelievable,
and receives the
impossible.

--Corrie ten Boom



When you look at the
Cross, what do you see?
You see God's awesome
faithfulness. Nothing - not
even the instinct to spare
His own Son - will turn
Him back from keeping
His word.

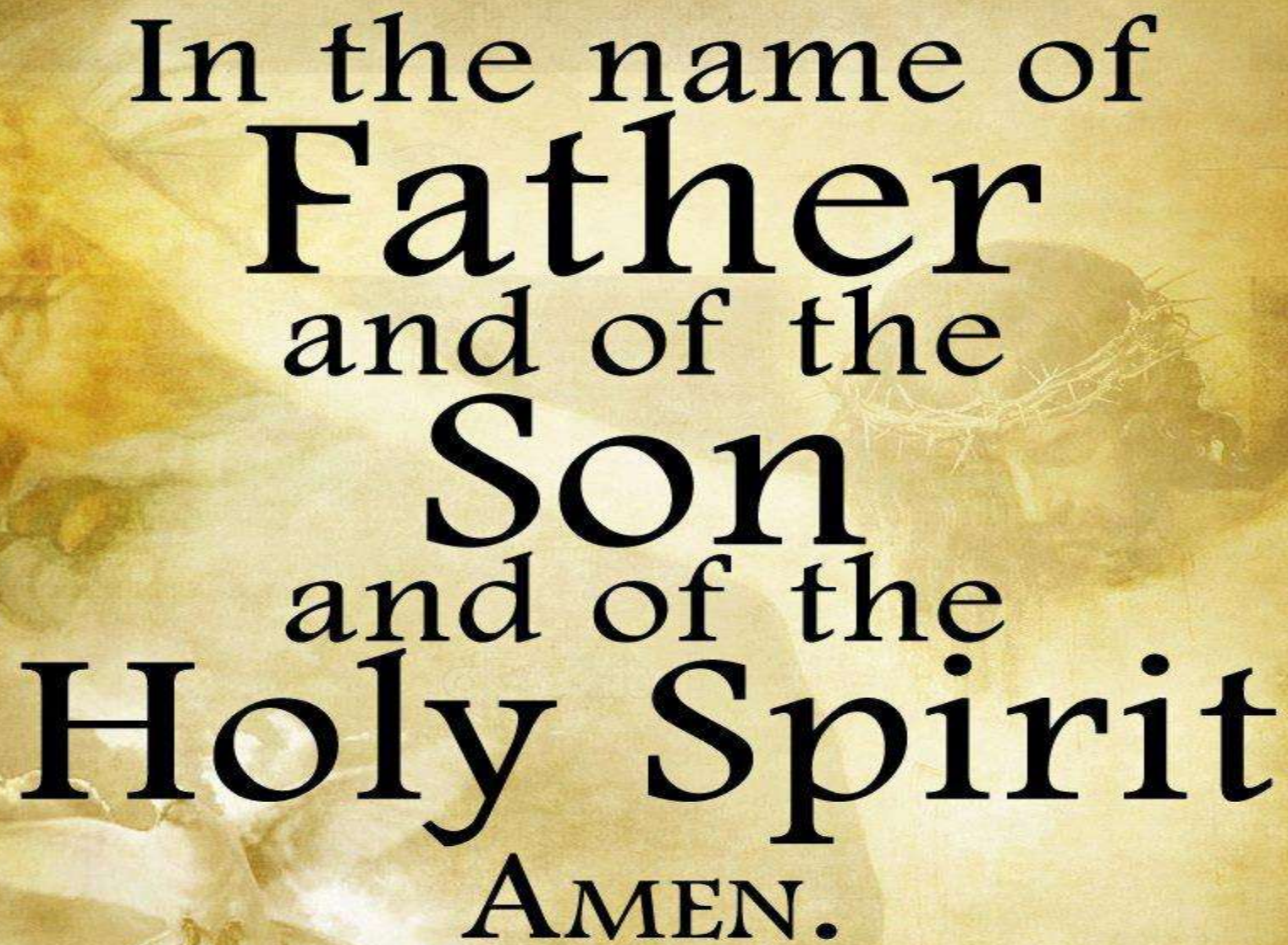
--Sinclair B. Ferguson



**“Faith is taking the first step, even when
you don’t see the whole staircase.”**

Martin Luther King Jr.

Faith- simply
means “believing
in God.”



In the name of
Father
and of the
Son
and of the
Holy Spirit
AMEN.

This is what we believe in!

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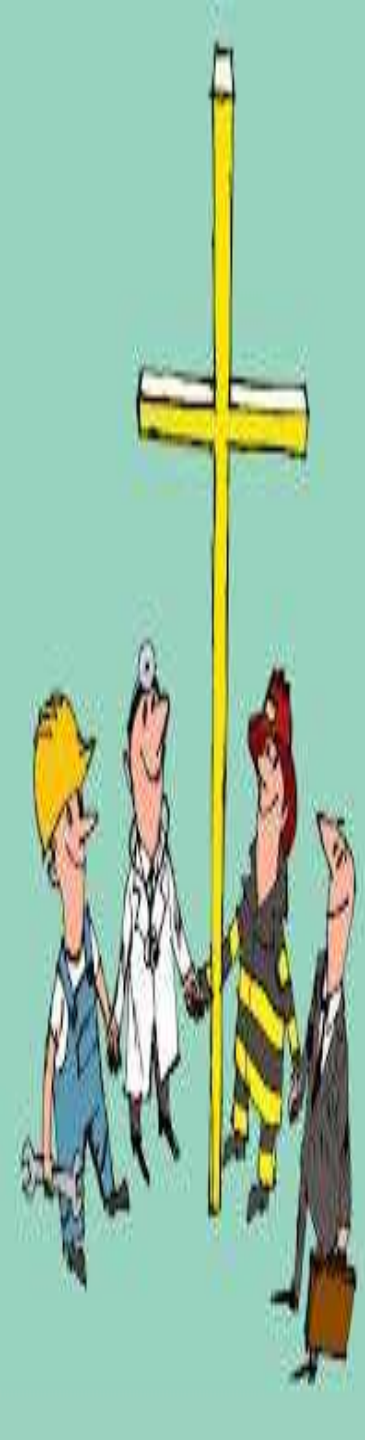
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Faith

- Word from the Latin *fides*, meaning “trust” or “belief”
- A specific act or human response to Revelation
- An internal surrender of our whole self to God (recall the Greatest Commandments)
- A God-given theological virtue or habit of belief
- Something that must be practiced—with practice comes wisdom

Faith

- Building blocks of Christian life
- A journey—with some high points and some low points
- Something you can feel strongly one day and not the next
- A daily response—through daily habits or expressions of faith, it grows
- A grace that opens life to possible realities beyond the present experience



Believing- realizing
that God is calling
us to share to his
divine life.

"Faith is deliberate confidence in the character of God whose ways you may not understand at the time."

Oswald Chambers

Faith

*is seeing light
with your heart
when all your eyes
see is darkness*

Faith- our personal
response as disciple of
Christ,” of accepting
Him “as Lord and
Savior.”



Keep your
FAITH

in **GOD**

No Matter how
dark it gets,

No darkness in the world
can stop **GOD'S LIGHT.**

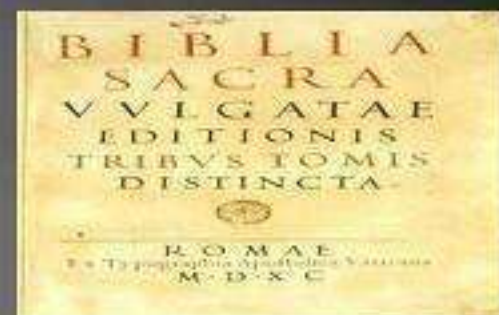
The truths of the Catholic Church.



Only Church founded
by Jesus Christ



God substantially present and
worshipped in the Holy Mass



Compiled
Sacred Scripture



Unbroken line of shepherds
from St. Peter to Benedict XVI



Guardians of Truth



Prays and desires the
salvation of all

FAITH

makes all the
difference



Let Your
Faith



Than Your
Fear

Be
BIGGER

HEBREWS 13:6

DIFFERENT MEANING OF FAITH IN THE MODERN (TODAY'S) WORLD

- Total response to God's revelation- it is to know, to follow Christ in the church He founded.
- Virtue (believing) - personal knowledge of God in Christ, expressed in particular belief in specific truths by which we adhere to Christ.
- Our whole life in Christ, personally knowing Christ as our truth.

SITUATION- Christians tend to have little knowledge of Christian Faith.

- Faith is attached to family celebrations such as baptism, marriage, funerals, house blessings, worship
- Faith is a traditional pious practices and superstitions
- Faith is preached in the fundamentalist way or stressed on active ideological commitment to “justice and the poor.”
- Faith is an individualistic piety accompanied by “Bahala na” fatalism

THE THREE ESSENTIAL DIMENSIONS/OBJECTS OF FAITH

- 1. BELIEVING-** faith is knowing but not mere “head knowledge” because it involves our basic convictions, special knowledge of Jesus Christ as “my Lord and my God.” (Jn 20:28)

2. DOING- a commitment to follow (obey) God's will for us.

E.g. James 2: 14- My brothers, what good it is to profess faith without practicing it.

Matthew 7:21- None of those who cry out "Lord, Lord" will enter the kingdom of God, but only the one who does the will of my Father in Heaven."

----witnessing through loving service of our needy brothers and sisters.

e.g. a. deeds of justice and love

 b. protecting and caring for our endangered earth's environment.

3. ENTRUSTING AND WORSHIPPING- entrusting one's self into God's hand.

- It is from the heart, the loving, trusting and hoping in the Lord that comes from God's own love.
- Personal heartfelt conversation with God.
- lives and grows through prayer and worship.

what then are the principal obstacles to authentic Christian Faith?

RATIONALISTIC DOGMATISM- result of searching for faith's certitude and reasonableness.

SUPERSTITION- obscurity of faith.

“BAHALA NA” FIDEISM- relying on faith simply as a gift.

SUBJECTIVE FAITH- self-centeredness, stressing freedom of faith.

PRIVATE FAITH- misunderstood personal character of faith rejecting any communitarian dimension.

Expressions of Faith

Faith is expressed in many kinds of beliefs and practices:

- prayer: communal and individual
- Sacraments
- service
- charity
- justice




**Faith
Religion
Belief**

What Are the Connections?

Religion

Comes from the Latin *religio*, meaning “respect for the sacred” or “reverence for the gods.”



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Belief

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God's Revelation

In faith we accept
God's Revelation.
We express that
faith in our
religious beliefs
and practices.



- Two sides of the same coin
- Cannot have one without the other
- Faith without religion = fades away
- Religious practices without faith = “going through the motions”
- Faith requires willingness.



Faith and Religion

Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word.”

(Luke 1:38)



Mary's
faith

Faith requires willingness but
it does not have to be perfect.



The Scriptures and Faith

“Simon Peter said in reply, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God’”
(Matthew 16:16).

“[Peter] said to him, ‘Lord, I am prepared to go to prison and to die with you.’ But he replied, ‘I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me’”
(Luke 22:33–34).

“And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church”
(Matthew 16:18).



The *Catechism* and Faith

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, “Faith is a supernatural gift from God. In order to believe, man needs the interior helps of the Holy Spirit” (179).



The Holy Spirit


Peter, Mary, and all the faithful allow God's Holy Spirit to work in their lives:

“When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to **proclaim**” (Acts of the Apostles 2:1–4).



The Mustard Seed

“And the apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith.’ The Lord replied, ‘If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to [this] mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you’”
(Luke 17:5–6).



Jesus Said, "Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move". Matthew 17:20

Strengthening Faith

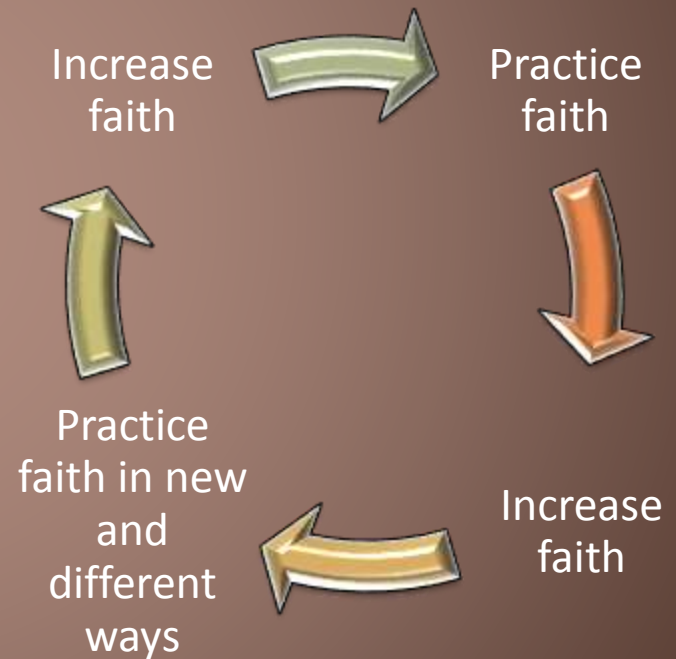
Ways to strengthen faith:
prayer: communal and
individual
liturgy
Sacraments
service
charity
justice



Continuous Cycle

Faith is a continuous cycle. The more you practice your faith, the stronger it will grow. The firm foundation of faith will sustain you even in difficult times.

**“Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock”
(Matthew 7:24–25).**





**How will you
build your
foundation ?**

Summary:

FAITH: RESPONDING TO GOD

For Christians, faith is believing and accepting that God made himself known . . .

**TO US THROUGH HIS WORDS
AND ACTIONS ESPECIALLY
THROUGH JESUSCHRIST**

Having faith means you believe. A belief is something people consider to be true.

Belief is . . .

**THE FOUNDATION ON WHICH
THE REST OF OUR FAITH IS
BUILT.**

Having faith also means you trust. When we trust God, we ...

**ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE
CANNOT EVER BE TRULY
HAPPY WITHOUT HIM**

Having faith means doing something about it. Without the doing, . . .

**SOMEONE COULD ARGUE THAT
YOU DO NOT HAVE FAITH AT
ALL**