


Can you
define

FAITH?

Faith is believing—trusting. It is a decision we make, not a funny feeling we might have.

The **choice** is ours to believe God, or not to believe God.

God always keeps His promises, so He wants our faith to be strong each day.


The acrostic  reminds us what faith means. We need to do what it says!

Forsaking
All
Other
Trust
Him

Scripture to read before next Sunday

John 5:5-18; 9:1-41

I Corinthians 11:27-32 James 5:13-20

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Jesus' Early Ministry
Compass

Capernaum
Miracles

The palsied man had **four** good **friends** who brought him to Jesus. They removed tiles from the roof and let him down into the crowded house where Jesus was preaching. Jesus healed their palsied friend, and he walked home.





Jesus heals long distance

A **nobleman** had everything money could buy. But when his **son** became deathly ill, his wealth was worthless. He went to **Cana** and asked Jesus to do what the physicians could not do—to heal his sick son in **Capernaum**.

Jesus challenged the man's faith and said, "*Go thy way; thy son liveth,*" and the nobleman believed Jesus could heal his son—miles away.

He returned to Capernaum and found his son healed. The fever had left him the same hour that Jesus spoke the word in Cana. And all his household **believed** on Jesus. John 4:47–53

Was Peter married??

Yes, the apostle Peter was married. Luke 4:38, 39

"Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought him (Jesus) for her. And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she arose and ministered unto them."

Peter's mother-in-law probably prepared supper for them that evening!

Jesus rebukes unclean spirit

A man with an **unclean devil** cried with a loud voice calling **Jesus** the **Holy One of God**. The unclean devil recognized Jesus to be God in the flesh, "*the Holy One of God.*"

But a testimony from an unclean spirit was a **distraction** to Christ's ministry. Therefore, Jesus said, "*Hold thy peace, and come out of him.*" The man was healed, and the people were amazed to see Christ's power over demons. Luke 4:33–39

Comforting Convicting

Certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? Matthew 9:3–4

It shocked the religious leaders to know that Jesus knew their thoughts. Perhaps it was even scary to some! A good question is—*"What would we think and do—if God knew?"* **But God does know!**

Key Verse

Luke 1:37

