

## Building Our Faith - Zanga Schutte, August 4, 2024

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

Notes: Faith is the belief in things unseen, and trusting God requires us to put our faith into action.

**Without Faith: Hebrews 11:6 NIV** 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.

**Notes:** Our faith in God's goodness and faithfulness is the foundation on which trust is built. It is through faith that we develop unwavering confidence in God's character and His ability to fulfill His promises.

**Faith Comes From Hearing: Romans 10:17 NIV** Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

**The Word: Colossians 3:16 NASB** Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

**Building Our Faith: Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV** <sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup> in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths

**Notes:** Trust in God is not merely a surface-level belief but an unwavering confidence in His love, wisdom, and faithfulness. It involves surrendering control, patiently waiting for His timing, and living in the assurance that He is always working for our best. Trusting in God is not always easy. It requires us to let go of our own understanding and to rely completely on His guidance. It means acknowledging that He knows what is best for us, even when we can't see the bigger picture. Trusting in God is an act of faith, a choice to believe in His goodness and to follow Him wholeheartedly.

**Doubt Enters In:** Doubt casts shadows on our faith and questions the trustworthiness of God's word saying, "perhaps my sight or my reasoning is greater than my faith."

**Doubting Thomas: John 20:25 NIV** So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

**John 20:27-29 NIV** <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

**The Ultimate Sacrifice: John 3:16-17 NIV** <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

**Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV** <sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.

### Keeping Our Faith:

1. Make small changes.
2. Step out of our comfort zone.
3. Get into and use God's Word.
4. Fellowship
5. Bible Study
6. Pray about everything.

**Closing:**

**Little Faith Can Move Mountains: Matthew 17:20 NIV** He replied, "Because you have so little faith. 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. Nothing will be impossible for you."

**Notes:** Even a little faith has great potential when we trust in God's power to act. If we are facing problems that seem as big and immovable as a mountain, turn our eyes from the mountain and look to Jesus for more faith. Then we will be able to overcome the obstacles that stand in our way.

**'Ekolu Mea Nui/Aia Kona Lima**

'Ekolu mea nui ma ka honua  
'O ka mana'o'i'o ka mana'olana  
A me ke aloha, ke aloha ka i 'oi a'e  
Pōmaika'i nā mea a pau  
Pōmaika'i nā mea a pau

Three important things in the world  
Faith, hope, and love  
Of these love is foremost  
Everyone then is blessed  
Everyone then is blessed

Aia ma kona lima, nā wahi hōhonu, o ka honua,  
Nana ho'i nā waiwai o nā kuahiwi (repeat)

In his hands are the depths of the earth  
And the mountain peaks belong to him

E nā mākua nā keiki  
Mā mamo a luda me 'Epelaima  
E pa'a ka mana'o i ka pono i 'oi a'e  
Pōmaika'i nā mea a pau  
Pōmaika'i nā mea a pau

Oh parents, children  
Descendents of Judah & Ephraim  
Think always the fore most virtue  
Everyone then is blessed  
Everyone then is blessed

Nana no ka moana, a nana ia ia hana,  
A na kona lima ho'i ho'oponopono  
I ka 'aina malo'o (repeat)

The sea is his, for he made it  
And his hands formed the dry land

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