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Matthew 21:18-22

<sup>18</sup>Now in the morning, as He returned to the city, He was hungry. <sup>19</sup>And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, “Let no fruit grow on you ever again.” Immediately the fig tree withered away. <sup>20</sup>And when the disciples saw *it*, they marveled, saying, “How did the fig tree wither away so soon?”

**21** So Jesus answered and said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ it will be done.

**22** And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”

**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. Prov.3:5-6**

<sup>3</sup> You will keep *him* in perfect  
peace, *Whose mind is stayed on*  
*You,* Because he trusts in You.

Isaiah 26:3

# SOME THINGS FAITH MUST HAVE

**1. Faith Must Have A Foundation**

**2. Faith Must Be Free From All Doubt**

<sup>6</sup>But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. James 1:6

### 3. Faith Must Have A Desire

<sup>6</sup> Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for righteousness For they shall be filled Matt. 5:6

## 4. Faith Must Have Forgiveness

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

<sup>15</sup>Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. Matt. 6:14-15

# FOUR THINGS FAITH WILL ACCOMPLISH

## 1. Will Save A Soul

<sup>50</sup>Then He said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.” Luke 7:50

<sup>42</sup>Then Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.” Luke 18:42

## 2. Will Purify Your Heart-Causing You To Know The Fullness Of The Holy Spirit

<sup>8</sup>So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as *He did* to us, <sup>9</sup>and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. Acts 15:8-9

**3. Will Develop Character**

**4. Will Hold You In Times Of Great  
Crisis**

# FOUR STEPS OF FAITH

1. Use What You Have

2. Use The Resources You Have

<sup>17</sup>So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Romans 10:17

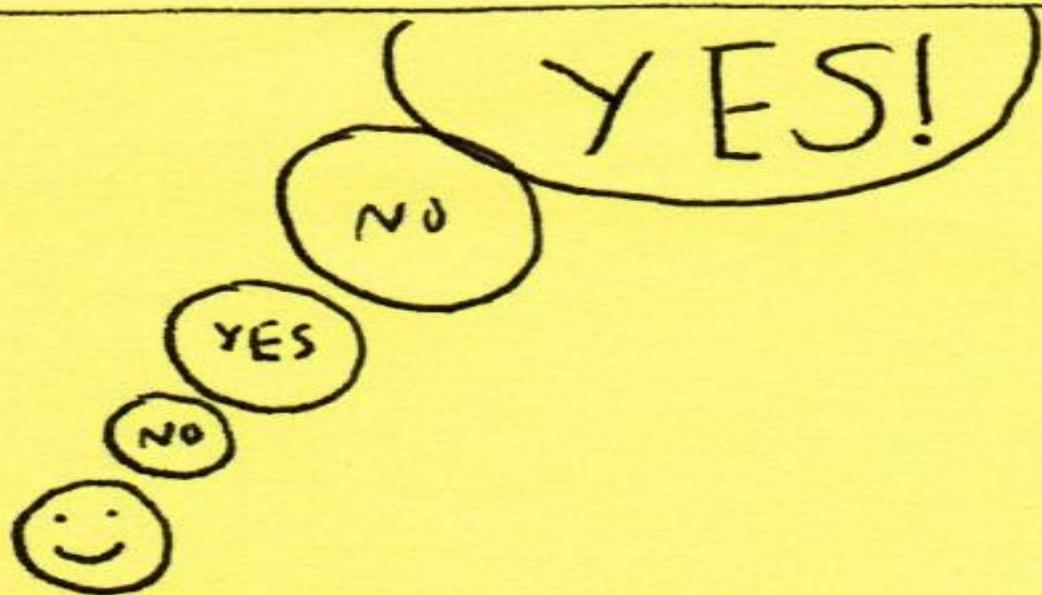
### 3. Ask God To Help Your Unbelief

<sup>22</sup>And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to him, “If<sup>£</sup> you can believe, all things *are* possible to him who believes.” <sup>24</sup>Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!” Mark 9:22-24

## 4. Don't Look At The Circumstances-Look To Jesus

<sup>2</sup>looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2



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BE BIGGER  
THAN YOUR FEAR.**