



**FAITH & CHOICES**



**Growing Faith**

**Hebrews 11; Colossians 2:7**

- “Faith is trusting in the larger reality of God’s purposes and power. It’s not avoiding what is at hand..it is daring to seek the larger God-inspired potential..the intersection between the finite and infinite..and stepping into it.”

1. We will grow *beyond* the *bounds* of the familiar.

- But one can never *expand* unless we explore what is not familiar.
- Faith is spelled *R-I-S-K*.

2. We will grow deeper in power to endure hardship.

- When we are growing in our connection to the bigger reality of God, we develop a stronger, more centered life.

3. We will grow in our connection with others.

- Their root systems are intertwined.
- All the trees support and protect each other.

4. We will grow in gaining God's vision for our lives.

• God wants to establish a stronger sense of HIS purpose for you.

5. We will grow in fulfilling our common calling.

- When we join in fulfilling something bigger than ourselves we are able to accomplish what we could never accomplish alone.



- What we see is the process by which we *experience* God's working.

a. Focus on serving God's purposes.

•As John makes so clear, this was a sign not a show.

•It was about people recognizing something greater.

b. Recognize what I cannot control or accomplish in myself.

- We need to recognize that there is an opportunity in a problem I cannot solve.

c. Trust God by giving Him what I have.

- It's more like investing in something certain.

- God created us as those who bear His image and serve as partners in working with creation.