

## AT THE BOTTOM OF THE MOUNTAIN

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*14 And when He came to the disciples, He saw a great multitude around them, and scribes disputing with them. 15 Immediately, when they saw Him, all the people were greatly amazed, and running to Him, greeted Him. 16 And He asked the scribes, "What are you discussing with them?"*

*17 Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. 18 And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not."*

MARK 9:14-18

TALK ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF FAITH.

ASK THIS QUESTION: HOW DO WE BUILD OUR FAITH?

*Hebrews 11:1-3 says,*

*"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible."*

Faith is believing without seeing.

This is essential for the Christian life.

You cannot see God.

SO, HOW CAN YOU BELIEVE IN ALL OF THESE THINGS THAT YOU DID NOT SEE OR EXPERIENCE?

This is faith.

But our faith is not completely blind.

Although we cannot directly see or experience these things, God chose to give us testimonies and evidence that believe that they really happened.

### 1 BUILD YOUR FAITH IN GOD BY READING THE BIBLE

Spending quality time reading the Bible each day is one of the best ways to learn how to grow closer to God and to grow your faith if we learn how to make reading the Scriptures a habit.

### 2 BUILD YOUR FAITH IN GOD THROUGH PRAYER

The Bible tells us to pray and that prayer is the most important form of communication with our Heavenly Father. Think of it as your unlimited cellphone plan with unlimited hours and a direct connection to God.

### 3 BUILD YOUR FAITH IN GOD BY SURROUNDING

Surrounding yourself with people of faith has so many benefits for us as believers. The bible tells us in Hebrews 10:25 that we should not forsake the assembling of ourselves together as believers, as the manner of some is; but encouraging one another: and so much the more, as you see the day approaching.