



"I BELIEVE!"

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MEMORY VERSE: "Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God." 1 John 5:5 NIV'84

Believing IN Jesus!

Proverbs 23:7a NKJV

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1 John 5:5 NIV'84

Believe: a verb noting action. 'A firm opinion, conviction or truth held to and lived by.'

True belonging to and believing in is acted on—it's lived out.

Ephesians 5:21 ERV

Brad Lomenick, "Too many of us live lives that don't truly reflect who we are as followers of Christ!"

Titus 1:16 GNT

Henry Blackaby, "How we live life is a testimony of what we believe about God—what we do demonstrates what we believe!"

James 2:17,19 and 26 NIV'84

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Belief + Action = Faith's Results

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Case Study: David and Goliath – 1 Samuel 17

1 Samuel 17:45-46 NIV

Case Study: Ruler and Daughter – Matthew 9

Matthew 9:18 NIV'84

Case Study: Sick Woman – Matthew 9

Matthew 9:21-22 NIV'84

Case Study: Two Blind Dudes – Matthew 9

Matthew 9:28-29 NIV'84

Case Studies: Abraham, Noah, Esther, Gideon, Daniel and 3 Dudes, Apostles

Have we ever had a life experience that depleted or beat the belief out of us?

When unbelief and belief collide = a confession of unbelief and crisis of belief occurs

Henry Blackaby, "When we face a crisis of belief, what we do next reveals what we really believe about God."

Case Study: Dad and Demon-Possessed Son – Mark 9

Mark 9:23-24 NIV

Case Study: Jesus and Thomas – John 20

John 20:27 NIV

Case Study: Jairus and Daughter – Mark 5

Mark 5:35-36 NIV

Steven Furtick, "When Satan whispers 'Why bother Jesus?' – Jesus says, 'Don't be afraid; just believe!'"

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Psalm 34:17-19 NIV'84

Oswald Chambers, "Crises always reveal a person's true character...God's training ground."

It's easy to live what we believe when life is good, but when life is difficult – well...

Psalm 37:1a,3a,7a,39b-40a NIV'84!

In this life moment; however difficult it may be, are we living what we believe about God?

1 John 5:5 NIV'84

I Believe in Jesus!

I choose to live what I believe every day!

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 NIV

Go Be Jesus!

REFLECT

Questions to reflect on in your personal quiet time, with the family and/or in your Life Group.

1. Share your understanding of what the message was about.
2. How can we apply and integrate this message into our life?
3. Share of someone who believed in us. How did their 'belief in us' impact our life?
4. Read Proverbs 23:7a NKJV and 1 John 5:5. Discuss: "We live what we believe. True belief is acted on—it's lived out!"
5. Go back and re-read the cited 'belief + action = faith results' case studies. What stands out that we can learn and apply?
6. When life has depleted or beat the belief out of us – what will be our response? Belief or Unbelief? Read Psalm 34 and 37.

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