



“What if it’s True? | I Believe”

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Discussion Questions

1. Think of some examples in our contemporary world where beliefs drive actions – both good and bad. Think of an example of where belief simply remains intellectual and doesn’t drive action. What do you think is the difference between these two situations and why?
2. What did you make of Jenny’s distinction between faith and belief? Has there been a time in your life when you have had belief in Jesus, but not faith and where would you say you are on your spiritual journey now? What has brought you to that place?
3. Christian faith is in a person, not in principles or a policy. Why is this so important and what does it mean for our daily lives?
4. Why does Christian faith not preclude doubt? How are we to live with our doubts?
5. Jenny said that the Apostles Creed is a rallying cry of rebellion against the destructive norms of our culture. How might that be the case?
6. It is the object of our faith that matters (God in Jesus Christ) and not the amount of our faith. How is that encouraging?

Hebrews 11:1-3, 32-40, 12:1-3

Faith in Action

11 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. 2 This is what the ancients were commended for.

3 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.

32 And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, 33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. 35 Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. 36 Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37 They were put to death by stoning;^[a] they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— 38 the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

39 These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, 40 since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.