

# KEY INGREDIENTS

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Who is someone that you trust? Why do you trust them?

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### Eagerness for Action

Translation from one language to another is always interesting. One language might be able to give a definition for something with just one word, while another may take a sentence or even a paragraph to explain! For example, in Spanish the word “santiguar” means “to make the shape of the cross over,” like how the Pope makes the shape of the cross over the communion bread before dispersing it. But notice how many words are required in English to explain what only takes Spanish one word to accomplish.

The same goes for the word “faith.” What the ancient writers could say in just one word (“faith”), English speakers must elaborate on for sentences. “Faith” in a North American context does not carry the same meaning as how the Scriptures use it. Faith means many things to the American mind. Just think, would you say that having faith that the Kansas City Chiefs will win a football game is the same faith required of Christians toward God? Probably not. What then is faith?

Mark 6.6-13 shows us how faith is both “trusting in” and “faithfulness to” God. Some have recommended that perhaps “fidelity” is a better word because it recognizes both a trusting belief in your mind, and also an active obedience. In this passage, the disciples are sent out to foreign places trusting that God would be faithful to cast out spirits and heal the sick. They trusted that God would provide since they weren’t taking much with them. At the same time, this required obedience from the disciples to actually go without any goods, lay hands on people, and preach good news.

It seems then that faith is both a believing/thinking, and also a doing/leaping.

# SEE

EAGERNESS FOR ACTION

HOW WOULD YOU DEFINE THE WORD "FAITH"? DO YOU THINK "FIDELITY" IS A GOOD WORD TO CAPTURE THE IDEA BEHIND FAITH? WHY OR WHY NOT?

IS FAITH IN GOD THE SAME THING AS FAITH THAT A FOOTBALL TEAM WILL WIN A GAME? WHAT IS/ARE THE DIFFERENCES?

IN MARK 6, JESUS SENDS HIS FOLLOWERS OUT ON A BIG TASK THAT REQUIRES A LOT OF FAITH. WHY DO YOU THINK JESUS' FOLLOWERS OBEYED? WHY DID THEY TRUST JESUS? ARE THESE THE SAME REASONS WE HAVE FAITH/TRUST JESUS?

A GOOD PRACTICE FOR BEING EAGER FOR ACTION IS TO HAVE ONE PROFOUNDLY CHRISTIAN MOMENT THIS WEEK BEYOND THE CHURCH PROPERTY. ASK GOD TO SHOW YOU WHAT TO DO, AND TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY. ONE HELP HERE IS TO CONSIDER 5 THINGS: BEAUTY, JUSTICE, WHOLENESS (HEALING), RECONCILIATION, AND LAMENT. WHEREVER YOU SEE ANY OF THESE 5 CATEGORIES IS AN AREA WHERE GOD IS EASILY RECOGNIZABLE AND CAN BE BROUGHT UP IN CONVERSATION AND/OR ACTION.

Please take a few moments to pray with and for one another