

FOUR DIFFERENT  
**LEVELS**  
OF FAITH

**MATTHEW 16**



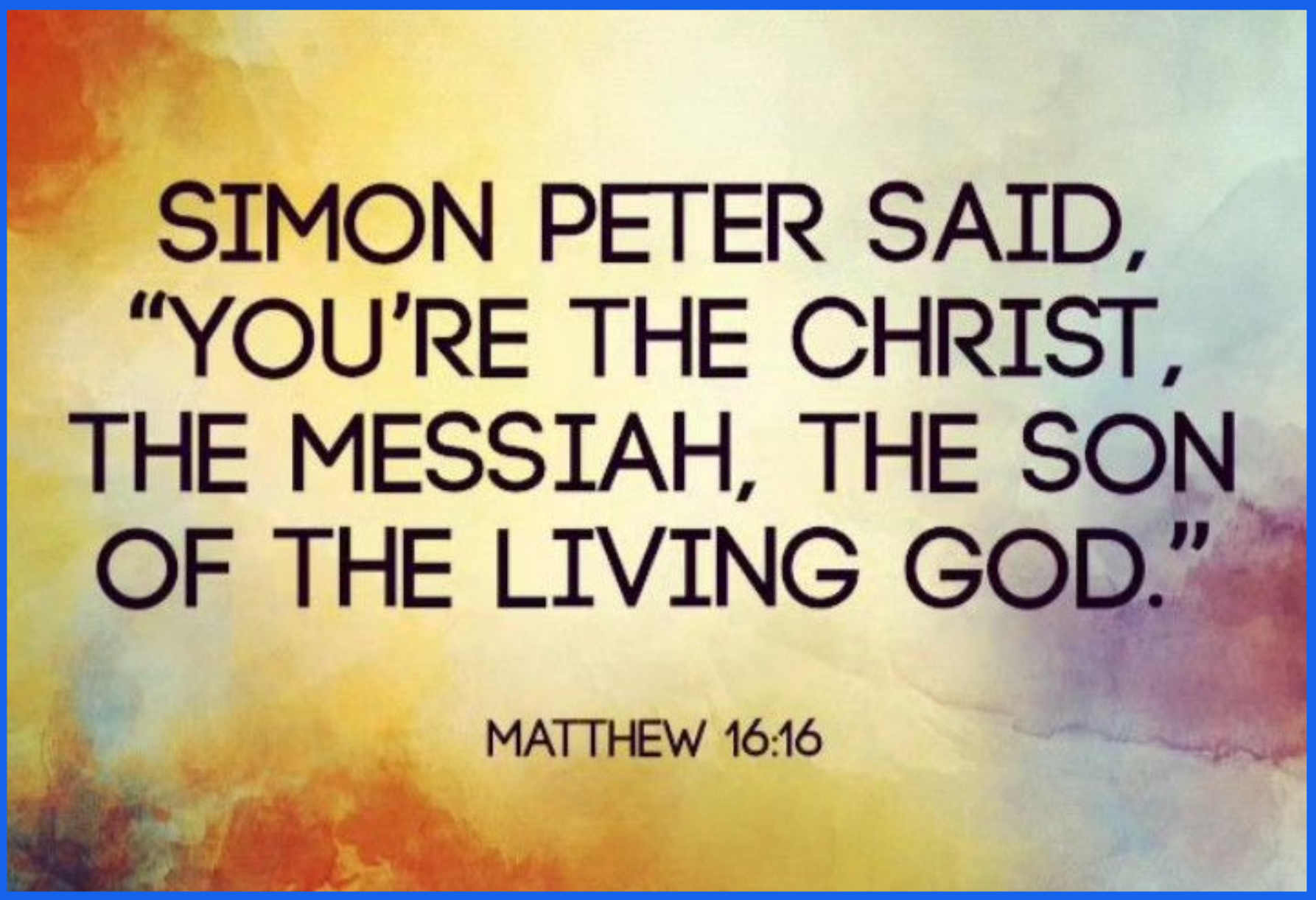
# Dwight L. Moody - 3 KINDS OF FAITH

<b>Struggling Faith</b>	<b>Clinging Faith</b>	<b>Resting Faith</b>
<p data-bbox="359 411 932 882">Which is like a person floundering and fearful in deep water;</p>	<p data-bbox="1009 411 1531 782">Which is like a someone hanging to the side of a boat;</p>	<p data-bbox="1620 347 2173 1218">Which finds the person safe inside the boat—strong and secure enough to reach out a hand to help someone else.</p>

**“Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?”**



**“But who do you say that I am?”**



**SIMON PETER SAID,  
“YOU’RE THE CHRIST,  
THE MESSIAH, THE SON  
OF THE LIVING GOD.”**

MATTHEW 16:16

AT FIRST HIS DISCIPLES DID NOT  
UNDERSTAND THESE THINGS, BUT AFTER  
JESUS WAS GLORIFIED THEY REMEMBERED  
WHAT HAD BEEN DONE TO HIM, AND THEY  
REALIZED THAT THESE VERY THINGS HAD  
ALSO BEEN WRITTEN ABOUT HIM.

*- JOHN 12:16*

Matthew  
12:38

John  
2:12  
6:30

A WICKED AND ADULTEROUS  
GENERATION DEMANDS A SIGN,  
BUT NONE WILL BE GIVEN IT  
EXCEPT THE SIGN OF JONAH.” THEN  
HE LEFT THEM AND WENT AWAY.

*- MATTHEW 16:4*

Luke  
11:14ff

# DEFINING FAITH

In the Bible, faith is defined as the ASSURANCE of things hoped for, and the conviction of things not seen.

HEBREWS 11:1



FAITH WITHOUT

WORKS IS DEAD

THE BOOK OF JAMES

James 2:17, 2:20, and 2:26

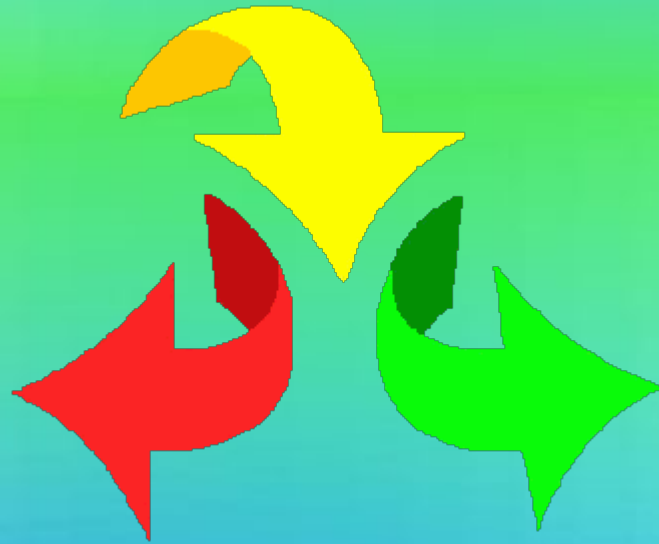
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The Bible tells us how to increase our FAITH in God: “So then faith comes by hearing, & hearing by the word of God.”

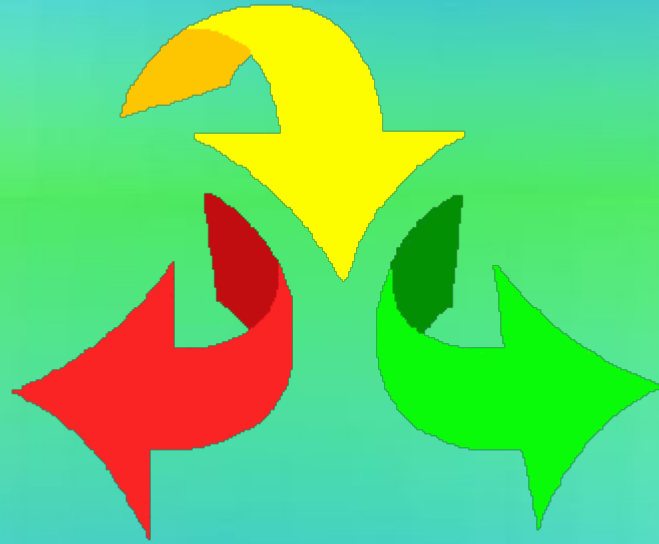
ROMANS 10:17



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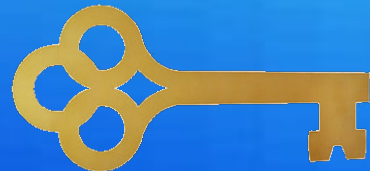


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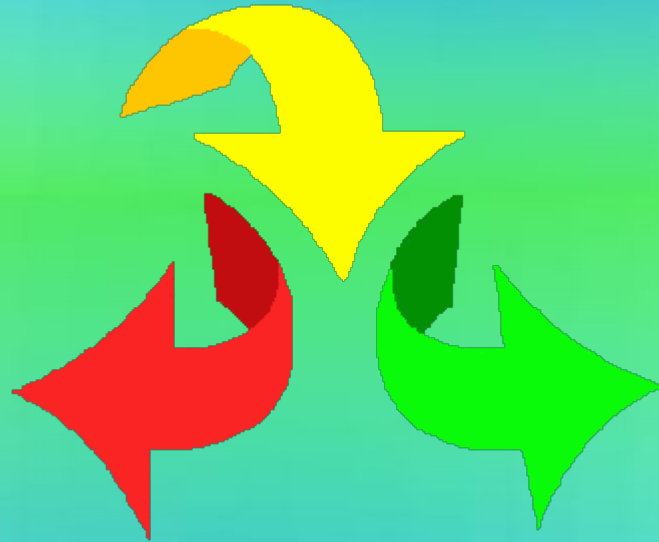


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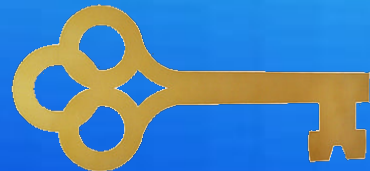


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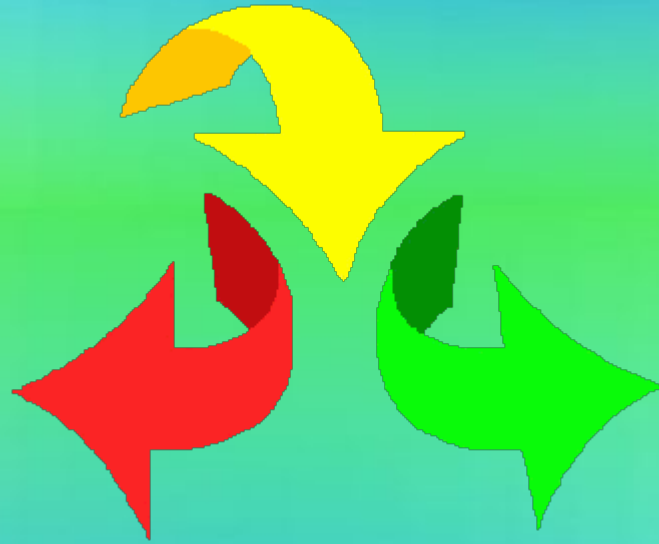


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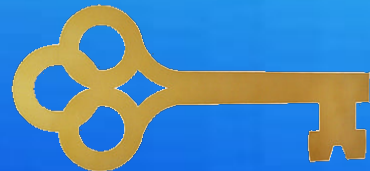


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IT WILL MANIFEST ITSELF IN

**MORALITY**



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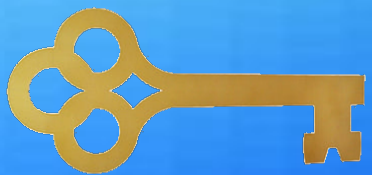
**“What level of faith am I exhibiting or manifesting at this point in my life?”**



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Level One – 16:1-4

Foundational Faith - A Faith That is **Not Functional.**



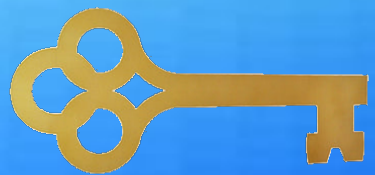
## **ROMANS 12:3**

**"For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man a measure of faith."**

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Level Two – 16:5-12

Little Faith - Faith in It's Infancy.



# MATTHEW 16

1. Timid or anxious mindset that doubts God's care in their daily needs let alone during storms. vs. **8, 12,**
2. A faith that does not remember past miracles. vs. **9,**
3. A Faith that relies on human effort instead of God's power. **17-19.**

**OH YOU OF  
LITTLE FAITH,  
WHY DID  
YOU DOUBT?**



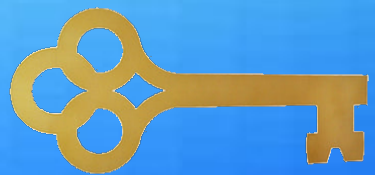
**“WITH JUST A MUSTARD  
SEED OF FAITH, YOU CAN  
MOVE MOUNTAINS.”**

**—JESUS, MATTHEW 17:20**

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Level Three – 16:13-20

Functional Faith— A Faith That **Changes** us.



# Faith

is being sure of what we hope for  
and certain of what we do not see

Hebrews 11:1

*Faith*  
comes by hearing,  
and hearing by the  
*Word of God.*

*Romans 10:17*

If I do not perform my Father's works,  
do not believe me;  
but if I perform them,  
even if you do not believe me,  
believe the works,  
so that you may realize and understand  
that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.”

John 10:37-38

&

John 14:11-12



**EXAMINE  
YOURSELVES**

**TO SEE WHETHER  
YOU  
ARE IN THE FAITH**

**2 Corinthians 13:5**

# Here are some key questions to ask yourself:

1. Do you enjoy having fellowship with Christ & His redeemed people? 1 John 1:3
2. Would people say you walk in the light, or walk in the darkness? 1 John 1:6-7
3. Do you admit and confess your sin? 1 John 1:8
4. Are you obedient to God's Word? 1 John 2:3-5
5. Does your life indicate you love God rather than the world? 1 John 2:15
6. Is your life characterized by "doing what is right"? 1 John 2:29
7. Do you seek to maintain a pure life? 1 John 3:3
8. Do you see a decreasing pattern of sin in your life? 1 John 3:5-6 [Note: this refers to not continuing in sin as a way of life, not a total absence of sin.]
9. Do you demonstrate love for other Christians by acts of service to them?  
1 John 3:14
10. Do you "walk the walk," versus just "talking the talk"? 1 John 3:18-19
11. Do you maintain a clear conscience? 1 John 3:21
12. Do you experience victory in your Christian walk? 1 John 5:4

You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror.

**James 2:19**

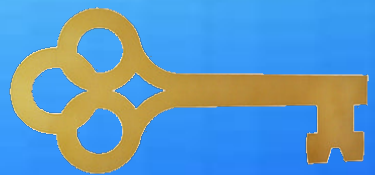
## John 10:27-29

<sup>27</sup> My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all<sup>[a]</sup>; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

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Level Four – 16:21-28

A Serving Faith—Follows **Christ's** Example



Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a

A LIVING  
**SACRIFICE**

holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

# Matthew 16 – Four Levels of Faith

## Foundational Faith

**Romans 12:3**

“God hath dealt  
**to every man a  
measure of faith.”**

A faith that is  
ineffectual.

A faith that is  
not functioning  
as God intends.

## Little Faith

**Matthew 16:5-12**

A faith that  
struggles,  
doubts, &  
waivers,  
Sometimes  
understands  
often doesn't.

## Functional Faith

**Matthew 16:13-20**

Is a functional  
faith which is a  
dynamic, active  
trust in God that  
translates belief  
into daily,  
Christlike action  
rather than mere  
intellectual  
assent.

## Serving Faith

**Matthew 16:21-28**

A serving faith is  
best described  
as an active, &  
action-oriented  
faith. That  
translates into  
tangible actions  
of love, humility,  
and sacrifice.