

Title:	You Gotta" Have Faith
Objective:	To give a definition of faith and introduce how to live by faith.
What:	<p>What is faith?</p> <p>Faith is the substance of things you have hoped for and it is the evidence of things you do not yet see.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hebrews 11:1-3</li> </ul> <p>Faith is a spiritual force not a philosophical point or intellectual fact.</p> <p>Faith= the Word of God</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. God creates with words <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Genesis 1:3,6,7,9,11</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. God created everything that exists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colossians 1:16</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>Because faith is the substance of things, and God created all things by first speaking them into existence we can conclude that faith = the Word of God</p>
Why:	<p>Why should I operate in faith?</p> <p>Without faith it is impossible to please God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hebrews 11:6</li> </ul> <p>The just live by faith</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Galatians 3:11</li> <li>• Hebrews 10:38</li> <li>• Habakkuk 2:4</li> </ul> <p>The children of God have faith, not all men have faith</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Thessalonians 3:2</li> <li>• Romans 12:3</li> <li>• Galatians 3:26</li> </ul> <p>Man lives by the Word</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deuteronomy 8:3</li> </ul>
How:	<p>How do I operate in faith?</p> <p>Hear the Word</p> <p>Fellowship with other believers</p> <p>Attend a local church that teaches the bible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Romans 10:17</li> </ul> <p>Eat the Word</p> <p>Daily bible reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jeremiah 15:16</li> </ul> <p>Understand the Word</p> <p>Use a bible dictionary for definitions</p> <p>Use a concordance to get the definition of the original language the text was written in (Hebrew, Greek or Aramaic).</p>

- Matthew 13:19
- Nehemiah 8:8

Believe the Word

Trust begins with believing

Faith is not belief, yet faith & belief work together

- Luke 1:45

Act on the Word

Speak the Word

Perform the necessary actions that are in line with the Word

- James 1:22-25
- 2 Corinthians 4:13
- Romans 10:6-8

Conclusion:

Faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen. Operating in faith is an issue of trust. To build your trust in God and His Word you have to begin changing your mindset and begin to see and understand things from God's point of view. The bible is His point of view, it is your instruction manual on how to live an abundant life (John 10:10). Consider this: When you have questions about how your DVD player should operate, you don't look for the toaster manual. When you have questions about how your life should operate, pick up the manual. The just shall live by faith (the Word of God).