



Micah 2:13 (AMP)

"The Breaker [the Messiah, who opens the way] shall go up before them [liberating them]. They will break out, pass through the gate, and go out; so their King goes on before them, the Lord at their head."

FAITH + TRUST = OBEDIENCE

Quote:

"When I was a kid, I used to pray every night for a new bicycle. Then I realized that the Lord doesn't work that way, so I stole a bike and asked Him to forgive me."

This is definitely not faith, nor is it trust, and obviously, it's not obedience.

Many people believe faith and trust are the same thing, but they are not.

1. FAITH IN GOD

Almost everyone I meet says they have faith in God. Everyone claims to believe in God, but what is real faith?

Faith in God is the belief that He is who He says He is and will do what He says He will do.

Hebrews 11:1 (AMP)

"Now faith is the assurance (title deed, confirmation) of things hoped for (divinely guaranteed), and the evidence of things not seen [the conviction of their reality—faith comprehends as fact what cannot be experienced by the physical senses]."

A. Faith is the assurance:

Assurance means confidence or certainty. The Amplified Bible uses the example of a title deed to describe faith. If I have a car title, I don't need to see the car to know it belongs to me. That title guarantees my ownership.

B. Faith is the assurance of things hoped for (divinely guaranteed):

A guarantee is a promise that something will be fulfilled. God is who He is and will do what He says He will do. Faith means truly believing Him.

C. Faith is the evidence of things not seen:



We believe in many unseen things—gravity, oxygen, atoms, sound, radio waves, and more. How do we know they exist? We've read about them and have been taught.

Some believe in evolution because they were told so, yet everything we see—the sky, the sun, the oceans, plants, animals, and humans—strengthens our faith in God. An atheist requires even more faith to believe everything came from nothing.

D. Faith comprehends as fact what cannot be seen:

Faith assures us that God is real, that He is who He says He is, and that He will fulfill His promises. True faith is a deep conviction of His truth.

2. TRUST IN GOD

Faith in God is believing He is who He says He is and will do what He says He will do. Trust is acting on that belief. Faith is something we **have**, while trust is something we **do**.

Proverbs 3:5 (AMP)

"Trust in and rely confidently on the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight or understanding."

Many claim to have faith in God but stop at trust. True faith leads to action.

Examples of Faith vs. Trust:

- When the disciples saw Jesus walking on water, they were afraid. They had faith but lacked trust.
- When the Israelite army faced Goliath, they believed in God but did not trust Him enough to act.
- The man who questioned Jesus about healing his son had faith but struggled with trust.

Mark 9:23 (AMP)

"Jesus said to him, [You say to Me,] "If You can?" All things are possible for the one who believes and trusts [in Me]!"

Faith is believing that Jesus is who He says He is. Trust is acting on that belief.



When Peter stepped out of the boat, he demonstrated faith and trust. But when he took his eyes off Jesus and focused on the storm, he began to sink. The same happens to us when we lose focus.

Mark 9:24 (AMP)

"Immediately, the father of the boy cried out [with a desperate, piercing cry], saying, 'I do believe; help [me overcome] my unbelief.'"

Many believe in God but struggle to trust Him completely, which leads to disobedience.

TRUST IS FAITH IN ACTION. IT IS FAITH RELEASED.

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3. OBEDIENCE

Faith, when strong, leads to trust. Trust leads to obedience. Obedience is the natural outcome of true faith and trust in God.

What is obedience?

- Hearing God's Word and acting on it.
- Aligning our will with God's will.
- Fully surrendering to His authority.

Obedience to God is following His will, commandments, and principles. It is a moral duty that involves aligning our actions with His guidance.

God gives everyone a measure of faith. However, many live their lives believing in God without fully trusting Him. As a result, they do not experience the supernatural power of faith in action.

God promises increase and abundance, but when we trust in our own abilities, jobs, money, or knowledge instead of Him, we miss out on His blessings.

Luke 11:28 (TPT)

"Yes," said Jesus, "but God will bless all who listen to the Word of God and carefully obey everything they hear."