

Attending to God Exploring Our Faith

We are all on a life journey of discovery and Christians describe this as their spiritual journey, their journey of faith. At the heart of being a disciple of Jesus is our faith, but what does this actually mean? Before we can begin to explore our faith we need to understand what it is. In his book 'To Love and To Serve' Jonathan Draper describes faith as knowing enough to get on with, but having knowledge that is incomplete, limited and partial. The Bible interprets faith as trust, reliance or fidelity.

Christ has faith in his absolute unity with God. His is a personal response to God's blessing. We strive to be more Christ-like and therefore need to make that personal response of faith too. Faith is not an intellectual passive thing, but a radical and total commitment to Christ; a conscious human act and experience.

Martha explored her faith when she made time to be with Jesus after Lazarus died. She moved from a general statement of belief to a personal response of faith after she heard Jesus say, 'I am the resurrection and the life...!'

But faith cannot be explored in unity with God alone. We also need unity with each other for our faith to grow. We need to respond and act together as members of the body of Christ. We need to learn with, and from, each other; open our eyes to see the world as God sees it and share this with others; ask questions of ourselves; and not be afraid to ask questions of others and God.

No journey of discovery is the same but if we want to move forward in faith we have to consciously step out into the unknown and put absolute trust in God to guide us.

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Our God

Our God is able (Daniel 3:17)
able to save (Hebrews 7:25)
able to help (Hebrews 2:18)
able to provide (2 Corinthians 9:8)
able to do far more than we ask or think (Ephesians 3:20)

