

## **No. 54      Build Your Faith in God and His Promises**

PLEASE NOTE: Help the audience understand what true faith is, and warmly encourage all to build their faith. If you wish, you may use the provided artwork to illustrate the points indicated

### **WHAT IS TRUE FAITH? (4 min.)**

Many people think of faith as believing in something without having evidence

True faith is based on “convincing evidence” [Read Hebrews 11:1, footnote]

Faith includes (1) belief in “what is hoped for,” such as God’s promises for the future and  
(2) belief in “realities that are not seen,” such as Jehovah God

True faith involves more than being convinced that something is true; it moves a person to action (Jas 2:19, 20)

### **WHY IS HAVING FAITH IMPORTANT? (4 min.)**

Having faith is essential if we are to please God and enjoy his friendship (Heb 11:6; Jas 2:23)

Faith enables us to overcome mountainlike obstacles (Mt 17:20; jy 147 ¶4-5)

God answers the prayers of those having faith (Mt 21:22)

Faith leads to everlasting life (Joh 3:16; Heb 10:39)

We are not born with faith; we must build it

Just as a building is constructed from individual blocks, we can build faith by reasoning on individual “blocks” of evidence

### **REASON ON THE EVIDENCE FOUND IN NATURE (7 min.)**

By observing nature and reasoning on the evidence, you can build your faith in God’s existence [Read Isaiah 40:26] (Ro 1:20) [Image 1]

The location and features of the earth give evidence of a purposeful Creator (Heb 3:4)

[Illustrate with examples from *Was Life Created?* pages 4-9]

The complexity of living things gives evidence of an intelligent Designer (Ps 139:14)

[Illustrate with examples from *Was Life Created?* pages 12-13]

### **REASON ON THE EVIDENCE FOUND IN THE BIBLE (7 min.)**

Examining Bible prophecies can strengthen your faith in God and his promises for the future [Read Isaiah 46:9, 10]

Numerous Bible prophecies have been accurately fulfilled (Jos 23:14; wp20.1 8; w12 6/1 4) [Image 2]

God’s promises for the future will certainly come true (Ac 24:15; Re 21:4, 5) [Image 3]

Examine the Bible for yourself, and reason on the evidence (Ac 17:10-12)

If you have doubts about a Bible teaching, do research, using the Bible and tools such as [jw.org](http://jw.org)

### **PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION (5 min.)**

Faith, like a muscle, grows stronger through use (Jas 2:21, 22, 26)

How can you put your faith into action?

Speak to others about your beliefs and your hope (2Co 4:13)

Ask God in prayer to help you and guide you, and then follow his direction (Ps 62:8; Pr 3:5, 6)

As you experience God’s support and see how he answers your prayers, your confidence in him will grow (Ps 34:8; 1Jo 5:14, 15)

### **CONTINUE STRENGTHENING YOUR FAITH (3 min.)**

Faith is not static; it can grow stronger, or it can weaken (w16.10 27 ¶5)

Ask Jehovah for more faith, and work in harmony with your prayers (Mt 7:7, 8; Mr 9:23, 24)

The time and effort you invest in building your faith will be rewarded (Ro 1:17)

[Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section.

Not all cited texts need to be read or commented on. See *Ministry School* book, pages 52-55, 166-169]

TO BE COVERED IN 30 MINUTES

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