

Growing in Knowing
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Building blocks for intimacy

- *Think*
- *Trust*
- *Transparency*
- *Time*



➤ *Why do you/do you not believe?*





1. It takes *thinking* to have faith...

- *Island Europe example*
- *Timothy Keller: Faith consist and requires and stimulates thinking... The reason there is not much faith today is because there is not much thinking... Doubt is not too much thinking but too little..."*
- My faith is true to me/ true period?
- Not without problems but better than where you stand
- Seeking God...
- God – personal God – Desire to please God
- Study the Word (How?)

Defining faith - Hebrews 11:1-3 & 6-7

11 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. By faith Noah when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By His faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

2. *Trust*

How would I ever know whether You will catch me
when I never jump?





Noah's hope was not in seeing the destination or directing the steering wheel.

Rom 5:5-8 ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.


- Unashamed hope?
- Poured out Love through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us
- Growing practically in trusting God

3. Know that God desires relationship with you

*Drawing closer and making Himself vulnerable (**Transparency**)*

- *Gen 1 – Rev 22*
- *Adam & Eve*
- *Seth*
- *Moses - Joshua*
- *David*
- *Jesus & Holy Spirit*





***Come into our secret place; Stripped from all the “right” words
I know exactly what you face. Share your heart unashamed.
Get to know Me. Long to know what I see. You might feel
confused, I am not. You might remember and think I forgot.
Better is one day in My courts than a thousand elsewhere.***

***Although the waiting period might feel forever. I want you to
truly taste and see that I am good. I still know the plans I have
for you. I am the Writer, I am the glue...Remember My
thoughts are higher than yours. My love more than you will
ever grasp. I don't just want a casual relationship with you My
beloved. I know you...I know you...I know you... better than
you know yourself. I love you. I created you. I know what is
best for you. I sent My son for you.***

***A life surrendered is an adventure not a burden. I am the rock
on which you can stand. The One with an outstretched hand.
May I do life with you?***

*Do you feel like you can let God in
every room of your heart?*





4. Know that it is safe to open the door and that He wants to spend **time** with you

Revelation 3:20: *Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.*

Be still and know

- Why you believe (**Think**)
- That Our Father & Holy God is control (**Trust**)
- That He desires relationship with you (**Transparency**)
- That He knocks and wants to eat in every room of your heart (**Time**)

