

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

“MARY - THE LIFE OF FAITH”

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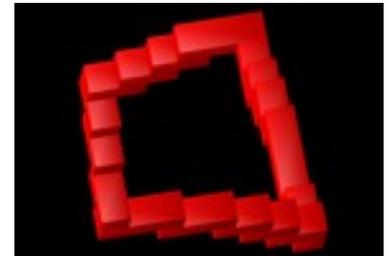
“The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.”
Galatians 5:6



How does faith develop in my life?

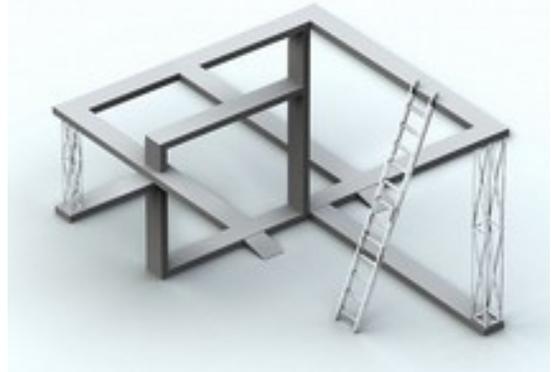
1. When challenged to believe we are often **confused**.

“The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.” Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God.” Luke 1:28-30



2. When challenged to believe we often have **questions**.

“You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name, Jesus...Mary asked the angel, ‘How can I have a baby? I am a virgin.’” Luke 1:31-34



- How do I find faith in the midst of questions?
 - Look **within** - Trust the Holy Spirit to lead you
 - Look **around** - Find others of like faith and talk to them

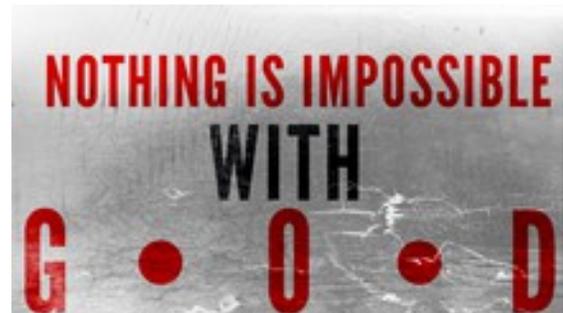
3. When faith begins in your life you will become **committed**.

“I am the Lord’s servant,’ Mary answered. ‘May it be to me as you have said.’” Luke 1:38



- You will be committed:
 - In the midst of **surprises** - Matthew 2:13-20
 - On the way to **opportunities** - John 2:1-11
 - In the face of **problems** - Matthew 12:46-49
 - In spite of a **broken heart** - John 19:25-27
 - In a life of **purpose** - Acts 1:14

“For nothing is impossible with God.” Luke 1:37



Discussion Starters for Your Groups InCommon

1. Describe one of your greatest faith challenges and how you overcame it.
2. How have you learned to let the Holy Spirit lead you in times of questioning?
3. Discuss the relationship between confusion, fear and doubt.
4. Does the phrase, “Nothing is impossible with God” really make a difference in your life?