

The background of the entire image is a night sky. The Milky Way galaxy is visible as a dense, glowing band of stars and dust, stretching from the upper right towards the center. A bright shooting star or comet streaks diagonally across the upper left portion of the sky. The lower portion of the image shows a dark, silhouetted horizon line, possibly representing a body of water or a distant shore, under a deep blue and purple twilight sky.

# FAITH THAT WORKS MIRACLES

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## IF THE DRIVE OF YOUR HEART IS TO LIVE A LIFE WHICH IS PLEASING TO GOD, THEN YOU MUST BECOME A PERSON OF FAITH.

*But **without faith it is impossible to please Him**,  
for he who comes to God must believe that He is,  
and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*

HEBREWS 11:6 (NASB)

For many people, it is difficult to understand the principles of faith. We seem to have an easier time understanding love or hope. However, everyone who has experienced God's salvation in Christ has already exercised a certain measure of faith. Salvation was available to you since the moment you were born, but it was only through an exercise of your faith that you received Christ as your Savior.

Faith may be difficult to understand, but it is no more complicated than making a choice to believe. In John 15:25, Yeshua (Jesus) said that people hated Him without cause. If someone can choose to reject Yeshua without cause, then we can choose to believe. That is the reality of faith—you believe because you choose to believe, not because you have reason to believe.

Faith is a decision that you must make every day. Every morning when you wake up, you make the choice to have faith or not to have faith. And if you choose to believe today, then there is no reason why you cannot choose to believe tomorrow.

Your decision to believe should never be based on feelings. Your natural senses will never give you an accurate picture of what God is doing in your life. The essence of faith is that you believe even when the very things you are believing for remain unseen.

*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

HEBREWS 11:1 (NASB)

With faith, you believe it even when you do not see it. Faith is the substance—it is the evidence you need to experience all the promises of God. I trust this resource will help you step into a life full of faith and the abundance of God's provision.



## THE FOCUS OF OUR FAITH

Let us look at two Scriptures that illustrate how the principle of faith works.

*Getting into a boat, Jesus crossed over the sea and came to His own city. And they brought to him a paralytic lying on a bed. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, "Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven." . . . then He said to the paralytic, "Get up, pick up your bed and go home." And he got up and went home.*

MATTHEW 9:1-7 (NASB)

In this story, the paralytic did not need to ask Yeshua (Jesus) for a healing. He and the ones who carried him were focused on Christ—and He saw their faith and responded.

*And when they came to the multitude, a man came up to Him, falling on his knees before Him, and saying, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is a lunatic, and is very ill; for he often falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not cure him." And Jesus answered and said, "O unbelieving and perverted generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured at once. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" And He said to them, "Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you shall say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it shall move; and nothing shall be impossible to you."*

MATTHEW 17:14-20 (NASB)

In the first story, the paralytic and his friends did not pray loudly or strive to produce a miracle—they simply focused their faith on Messiah Yeshua. But in the second story, do we see the disciples focus their faith on Yeshua? No. Instead, they asked Him why they could not cure him.

Notice how the Lord responded to their question: "Because of the littleness of your faith."



I think it is very interesting that Yeshua (Jesus) answers His disciples in this way—but then goes on to say that in order to move mountains all they would need is faith as a mustard seed, which is an absolutely tiny seed. The littleness of faith that Christ is referring to is not the amount of their faith, but their lack of focus on Him.

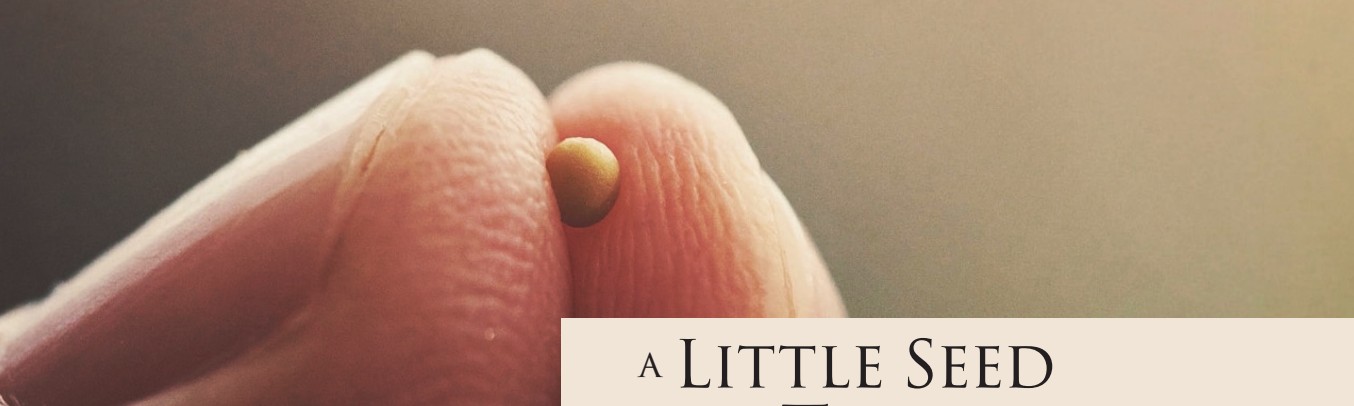
Can you, in your own power and ability, heal someone? The answer, of course, is no. Were the disciples any different? The only way that we can cause miracles to happen is to focus our faith on Yeshua, just as the paralytic did.

True faith is faith in God, and faith in His Messiah—Yeshua (Jesus).



**FOR WE LIVE BY FAITH,  
NOT BY SIGHT.**

2 CORINTHIANS 5:7



## A LITTLE SEED OF FAITH

**S**ome Bible translations refer to the smallness of the mustard seed, but the original Greek text does not explicitly mention the size of the mustard seed—it just says that we must have faith as a mustard seed.

Obviously, the size of the seed is important in our understanding of the Scripture, but size is not the only attribute of a mustard seed that should be explored. It is also important to remember that a seed never accomplishes anything unless it is planted.

So where are we to plant our mustard seed of faith? In Messiah Yeshua (Jesus Christ).

Before Yeshua healed someone, He sometimes asked them: “Do you believe I can heal you?” (Matthew 9:28). He always directed their faith back to Himself.

Yeshua did not just stimulate people’s faith in a generic way—He stimulated their faith in Him—and when people connected their faith with Him, it only took a little faith to cause some amazing miracles.

So, the focus of our faith must be Messiah Yeshua. We must believe in His power and authority. When we focus our faith on anything other than Him, nothing will come from it—but when we plant our seed of faith correctly, “all things are possible with God” (Mark 10:27).

I think most of us relate more closely to faith in the manner the disciples did when they tried to cast out the demon—we attempt to accomplish things on our own, independent of the Lord. If so, we need to adjust the focus of our faith.

We cannot change anything if we are focused on the problem. We cannot change anything if we are focused on ourselves. But a little seed of faith, rooted in Yeshua (Jesus), will produce miracles.



# FAITH TOUCHES THE FATHER

**I**t is important to realize that God moves when He is touched by the faith of a believer. Although we already discussed that it is the Lord who works the miracles, His miracle power is engaged through our faith. Christ rarely performed miracles that were not a response to someone's faith. Yeshua did very few miracles in His hometown of Nazareth. Why? Because the people of His hometown thought He was just the carpenter's son—and they did not have faith in Him.

But now look at what happens when Yeshua is touched by faith.

*And a woman who had a hemorrhage for twelve years, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. And Jesus said, "Who is the one who touched me?" And while they were all denying it, Peter said, "Master, the people were crowding and pressing in on You." But Jesus said, "Someone did touch Me, for I was aware that power had gone out of Me." When the woman saw that she had not escaped notice, she came trembling and fell down before him, and declared in the presence of all the people the reason why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."*

LUKE 8:43-48 (NASB)

Yeshua said, "Your faith has made you well." He had the ability to heal the woman, but it was her faith that caused the miracle.

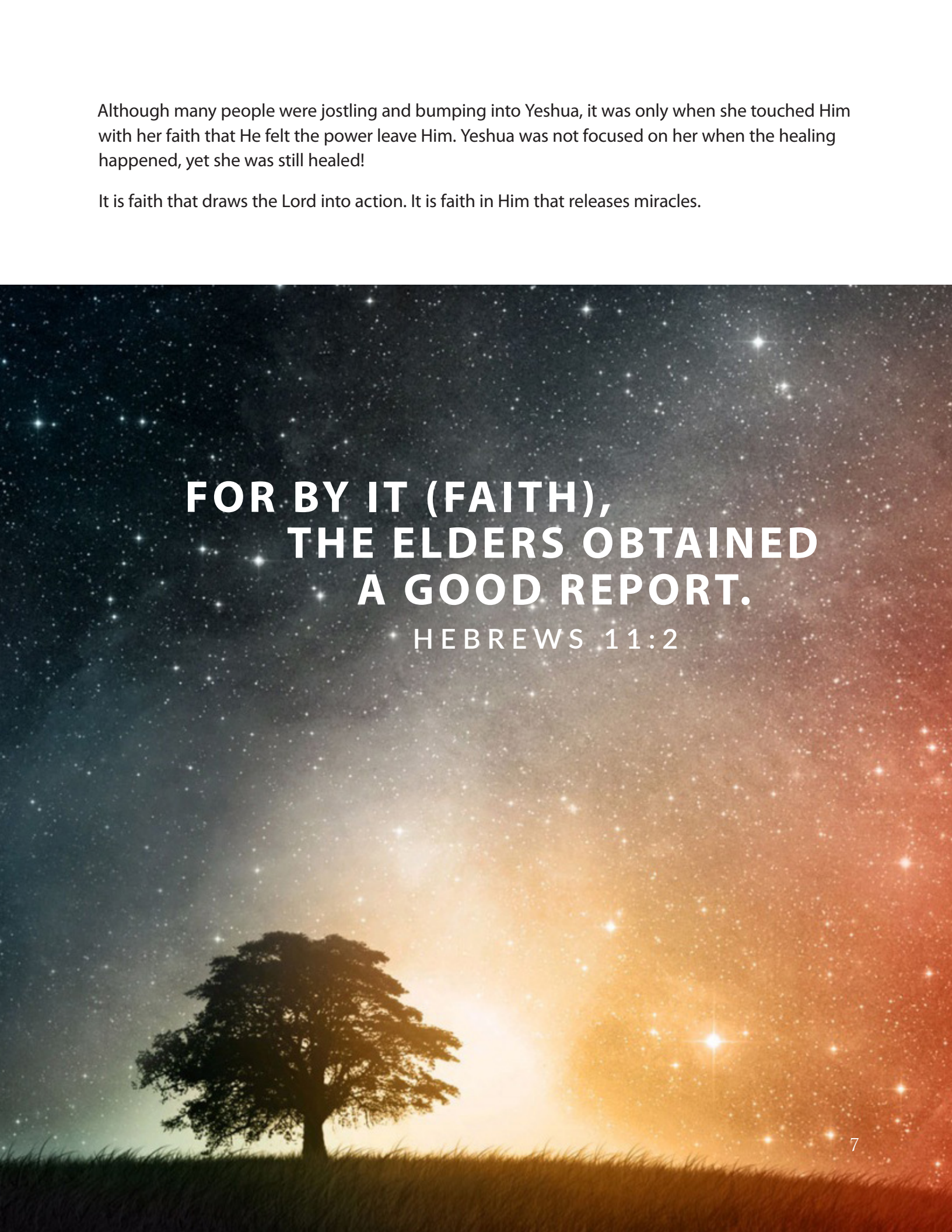
Our Lord has all authority in heaven and earth (Matthew 28:18), but only those who touch Him with faith see the working of His miracle power.

Imagine the throngs of people who were in the presence of the Lord on that day. Did His power affect any of their lives? No. It was only this woman with a need, filled with faith, who initiated the manifestation of His power that completely changed her life.



Although many people were jostling and bumping into Yeshua, it was only when she touched Him with her faith that He felt the power leave Him. Yeshua was not focused on her when the healing happened, yet she was still healed!

It is faith that draws the Lord into action. It is faith in Him that releases miracles.

The background of the entire page is a composite image. The top half shows a dark night sky filled with numerous stars of varying brightness. The bottom half shows a silhouette of a large, leafy tree on a grassy hill. A bright, warm light source, likely the sun or moon, is positioned behind the tree, creating a strong glow and illuminating the grass. The overall color palette transitions from dark blues and blacks in the sky to warm oranges and yellows near the light source.

**FOR BY IT (FAITH),  
THE ELDERS OBTAINED  
A GOOD REPORT.**

HEBREWS 11:2



## FAITH IS ACTION

**W**hat you do every day is an expression of your faith ... or your lack of faith. Think about Noah. He acted on his faith in God's Word every day—even while his neighbors mocked him. He spent 120 years building a boat as an act of faith in God's Word. I do not know if he actually understood the full scope of God's plan—but Noah was faithful and continued to take action on what he believed and worked on that ark every day. Faith blossoms in action.

As Abraham acted on his faith by offering Isaac on the altar, God responded with an even greater promise to him and his offspring (Genesis 22:9-18). The more you exercise your faith, the stronger it gets. Abraham's faith was perfected in the works that he did in faith.

*Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?  
You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works,  
faith was perfected.*

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Peter exercised his faith when he walked on water (Matthew 14:25-31). Although he started sinking after just a few steps, he got out of the boat and stepped into the waves. The other disciples just sat in the boat. I would rather be like Peter and fail in an exercise of faith than stand back and do nothing.

**We cannot say we believe in God's Word and not act in obedience to it.**

Faith is expressed by actions of obedience to God's Word. "For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead" (James 2:26). Unless we are doing the things that are necessary to accomplish God's Word, we will never see the fulfillment of His promises.





# NOTHING <sup>IS</sup> IMPOSSIBLE WITH FAITH

**I**t is interesting to note that in the New Testament, Christians were originally known as “believers.” The term “Christian” did not appear until much later. We need to come back to the understanding that the foundation of our spiritual life is to believe. The one responsibility we have is to believe the Lord and His Word.

*Therefore they said to Him, “What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?”  
Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom  
He has sent.”*

JOHN 6:28-29 (NASB)

If you believe in Messiah Yeshua, you have faith! The truth is that every believer who is passionate about the Lord has a mustard seed of faith—otherwise you could not have received salvation in the first place!

I think we get distracted by the thought that we might not have enough faith. Remember, all we need is faith the size of a mustard seed! Have you ever seen a mustard seed? They are impossibly small—just about one millimeter in diameter. It would take about five mustard seeds to equal the size of one apple seed! It seems obvious that the amount of our faith does not matter as much as we think it does.

So, stop wasting time repenting of unbelief and start focusing your faith in Yeshua (Jesus). If you have experienced initial salvation, you have faith. Salvation is faith in Yeshua (Jesus) as your Messiah; so you have faith and that faith is focused on and rooted in Him.

It is a downright lie to say that you do not have faith. Ask the Lord to wash away the lie that says you do not believe. If you keep thinking that you do not have enough faith, you will never be effective in releasing what God has declared is available to you.



The power of our faith rests in Who He is, not who we are. We must only believe. To believe, Smith Wigglesworth said, “is to have such confidence in what the Lord said that we take Him at His Word, simply because He said it.”

So, we have all the faith we need—and we have so much to believe in! We have a Bible full of promises! There is no reason to stand around and wait for something to happen.

Like the woman with the hemorrhage, we need to press through the unbelief of this age and reach out in faith to touch the Lord. Like the paralytic and his friends, we need to focus our faith on Yeshua. God performs His miracles because we bring about the fulfillment of His Word when our faith touches Him. The Lord has given us faith, and all that is left is for us to root it in Him.

Today declare to the Lord: “I have faith, and I know nothing is impossible because I believe in You!”





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GARY HARGRAVE has a passion for leading people into spiritual maturity. Gary effectively ministers the life-changing truth of God's Word through Bible teaching and prophetic revelation that emphasizes the Lordship of Christ.

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Everything we do flows from the revelation of the Jewish roots of our Christian faith. It is our desire and privilege to bless the land and people of Israel. Our Israel outreach includes:

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