

FAITH FULL

FUELING YOUR FAITH
IN A WORLD ON EMPTY



Five Faith Catalysts

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Scripture: Matthew 5:43–45, 8:9–10; Mark 6:3, 6; John 14:1

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Introduction

[We've all heard stories of people or have known people who have what appears to be unshakable faith. No matter what happened or came along, they had that never-ending confidence that God was in control, so nothing shook them. Regardless of what life throws at them, they're confident.]

[Sandra and I talked to a woman like that yesterday. Just two days ago, she and her family experienced a tragic loss that changed their life forever. I'm not going to share their story because it's their story to tell. Sandra and I were humbled by what they shared. We expected to hear extraordinary grief and sadness, but the opposite was true. We were calling to inspire them and were inspired by them instead.]

[People like this are convinced there's more to life than this life. They experience suffering, pain, and disappointment within the context of a God who knows and cares and who may intervene. They don't have amazing beliefs. They have...]

Amazing Faith

[It's active and costly confidence in God that informs their responses and decisions. Where does that come from? How do we get it?]

[That's what this series is about. If you've lost your faith or are beginning to lose faith, this series is for you. It may explain what happened to you. So if you're looking for faith or looking to rediscover or reclaim faith, this series is for you.]

[When you follow Jesus through the Gospels, you'll discover there were only two things that amazed him or caused him to marvel. Matthew records the first time Jesus was amazed in a good way. A centurion approaches Jesus and asks him to heal his servant. Jesus offers to follow him home. The centurion says to Jesus, "You don't need to do that. I know how this works."]

Matthew 8:9–10

⁹"For I myself am a man **under authority**, with soldiers **under me**."