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1. Degrees of Faith

Matt 8:10 [Jesus] marveled and said to those following: "Truly I say to You, I have *Not found such Great Faith with anyone in Israel.*"

Mat 8:5 In *Capernaum*
Mt 8:5 Paralyzed Servant suffering great pain.

Lk 7:2 Sick & *ready to die*

Lk 7:3 *Jewish elders* came

Lk 7:5 -6 Elders said '*He loves our nation & built our synagogue*'

Lk 7:8 Yet he felt *unworthy* for Jesus to come under his roof.



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Mat 15:21-18

v.21 District of *Tyre & Sidon*.

v.22 *Canaanite Woman* came.

v.22 Have mercy on me *Son of David*.

v.22 *My Daughter* is cruelly demon possessed.

v.24 Jesus: I was *sent only to lost sheep of house of Israel*.

v.25 She bowed down & said "*Lord Help Me!*"

v.26 Jesus: Not good to take children's food & *give it to 'Puppies'*

v.27 Woman: "*Even the puppies* beneath the table are permitted to eat the scraps." TLB.

v.28 Jesus: "O woman, *your faith is Great!*"



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SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Matt 6:30 “ If God so arrays the grass of the field...
will He not much more do so for you, *O men of little faith?* ”

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Matt 8:24 "There arose a great storm in the sea, so that the **boat was covered with the waves**; but He Himself was asleep."

v25 And they came to Him, and awoke Him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing!"

v26 He said to them, "Why are you timid, **you men of little faith?**"
Then He arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea;
and it became perfectly calm.

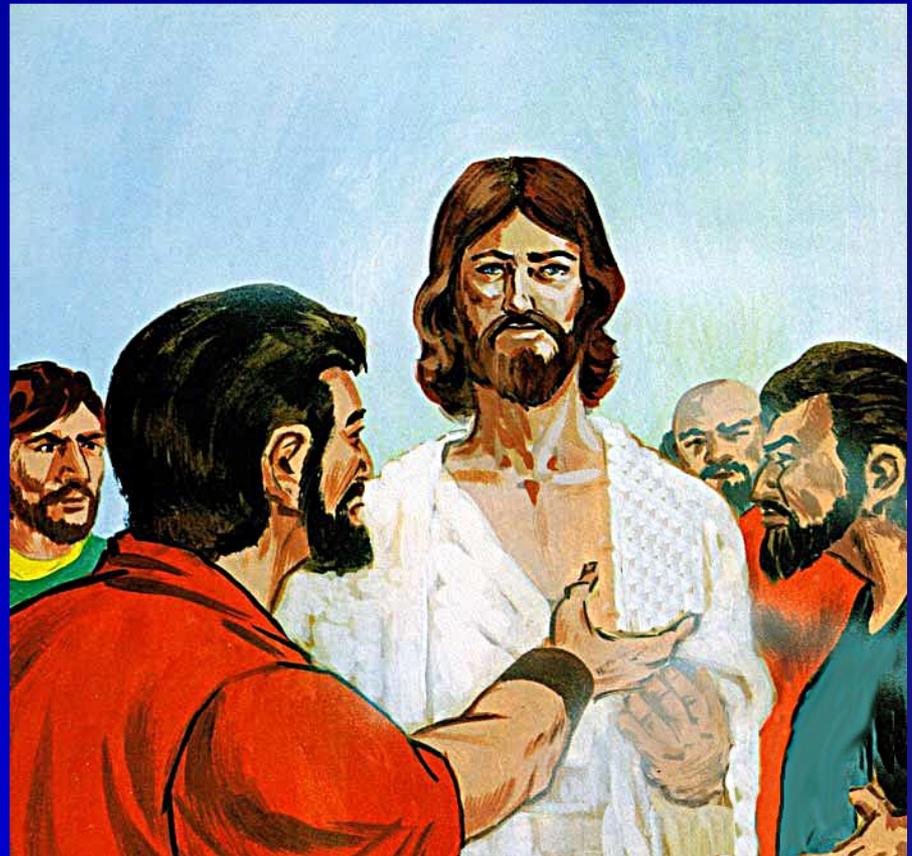
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Matt 16:6 And Jesus said to them, "Watch out and beware of the *leaven* of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

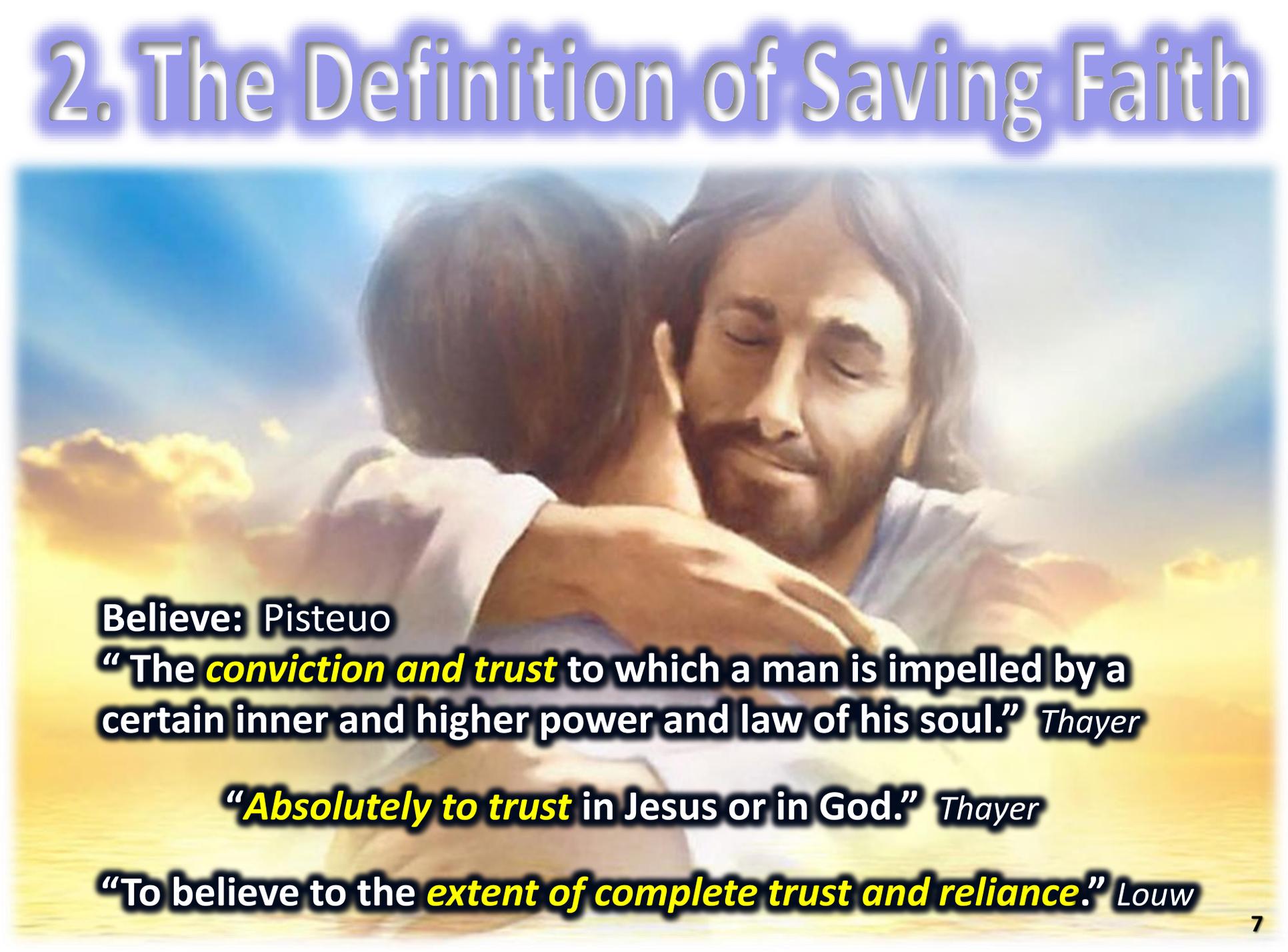
Matt 16:7 [**Disciples**]

"Began to discuss among themselves, saying, "It is because we *took no bread*."

v8 "But Jesus, aware of this, said, "*You men of little faith*, why do you discuss among yourselves that you have no bread?"



2. The Definition of Saving Faith



Believe: Pisteuo

“The **conviction and trust** to which a man is impelled by a certain inner and higher power and law of his soul.” *Thayer*

“**Absolutely to trust** in Jesus or in God.” *Thayer*

“To believe to the **extent of complete trust and reliance.**” *Louw*

3. We Are Saved by Faith

John 3:15 “Whoever **Believes** may in Him **have eternal life.**”
(3:36; 5:24; 6:40, 47)

Not by Faith Only

James 2:20 “**The demons also believe,** and shudder.”

John 12:42 “Many even of **the rulers believed in Him,** but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue.”

John 8:24 “**Unless you believe** that I am He you shall die in your sins.”

4. How Faith Comes to Us

Bible says: (Rom 10:17)

“Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of Christ.”

Eph 2:8 ***“By grace you have been saved through faith; and THAT not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.”***



Barnes “That is, salvation does not proceed from yourselves.”

“That” - is in the neuter gender, and the word “Faith” - is feminine.”

“The word “That,” does not refer to faith, as being the gift of God, but to “the salvation by grace” of which he had been speaking.”

“This is the interpretation of the passage which is the most obvious, and is now generally conceded to be the true one.”

5. How God DRAWS Us.

Denominational View: “The natural man has **no ability** to come to God, nor does he even have the desire to come. Because his heart is hard and his mind is darkened.” Got Questions?

Compare (Rev 21:17) “Whosoever will”

John 6:44 “No one can come to Me, **unless the Father who sent Me DRAWS him**; and I will raise him up on the last day.”

John 20:31 “But **these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.**”

John 6:45 “It is written in the prophets, ‘**And they shall all be taught of God.**’ Everyone who **has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.**”
(Isa 54:13)

6. Faith that Obeys

Rom 1:5

*Obedience
of Faith*

The
Faith
That Removes

Mountains

John 8:24

Believe

Acts 17:30

Repent

Moves Us To
**Obey
God**

Rom 10:10

Confess

1 Pet 3:21

Baptism

7. Faith Doesn't Require OT Law

Rom 3:28 “For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from **works of the Law.**”

*“The [Greek] term erga nomou ‘**works of the Law**’ is used by Paul to denote deeds prescribed by **the Mosaic Law.**”
(Rom 2:15, 3:20, 27 etc) BibleStudyTools.com*

*No Unclean foods, Don't touch unclean [tombs],
Do Votive offerings, Wave and Heave offerings,
Physical circumcision, Observe Sabbath,
No clothes of blended fabric.
Wear tassels on shawl.
Keep OT festivals.*

*But that doesn't prohibit God's Plan
of Salvation: **To Believe, Repent,
Confess and to be Baptized.***

8. Faith is the First Step

John 1:12 "As many as received Him, to them He gave the *right* [exousia] *to become children of God, even to those who believe* in His name."

Mark 16:16 "He who has **Believed** and has been **Baptized** shall be saved.

"But he who has **Disbelieved** shall be condemned."

Belief didn't MAKE them children of God...

But it was the 1st Step in becoming the children of God

Faith Only is NOT enough to Save you.

But NO Faith IS enough to Condemn you.

9. JOURNEY OF FAITH

*Gal 2:20 "I live by **faith** in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me."*



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