

**Title:** leap of faith II – faith killers  
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## **Intro: Faith – more valuable than gold, without it - you're dead.**

**1 Peter 1:6–7 (NKJV)** <sup>6</sup> *In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,* <sup>7</sup> **that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ...**

- **Life happens around faith or life doesn't happen.** Faith is more valuable than gold. \*A rich man is a man of faith. A man without faith is a dead man. Cut off from God.

## **Faith killer nr 1: God, but how?**

**1 Peter 1:8–9** <sup>8</sup> *whom **having not seen** you love. Though now you do not see Him, **yet believing**, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,* <sup>9</sup> *receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.*

Maybe for you: “God, I just can't see you catching me. Well, to be honest I just don't see you.”

**Proverbs 3:5 (NKJV)** <sup>5</sup> *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding;*  
**No half-measures! You want to kill your faith?** Try and figure out how God will do what He says He will do.

## **The how is in His hands. It's His specialty.**

*Do not lean on your own understanding* - do not try to figure out how God is going to do it. The How is always His specialty. **Simply focus on the task at hand and trust Him for the strategy.**

**Ecclesiastes 11:5–6 (NKJV)** <sup>5</sup> *As you do not know what is the way of the wind, Or how the bones grow in the womb of her who is with child, So you do not know the works of God who makes everything.* <sup>6</sup> *In the morning sow your seed, And in the evening do not withhold your hand; For you do not know which will prosper, Either this or that, Or whether both alike will be good.*

## **Faith killer nr 2: Just do nothing.**

**John 3:8 (NKJV)** <sup>8</sup> *The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but **cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes**. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”*

Let's do our part and leave God's part for Him.

*Not knowing how something works can keep us from action.*

**Do not pursue control. Do not pursue a comfort zone.** *That is the beginning of the end of your faith.*

*“Success has a way of weaning us off our dependency on God. **We take control.**” Andy Stanley*

## **Moses and God**

Ex 3:8 .. “*I Have heard and I have come to deliver...*”

:10 “*Come now, I will send **you**...*”

:11 “*But Moses said...*”

## **Faith killer nr 3: Embrace doubts**

**Know doubts will come.** Do not be caught off guard.

**Make no mistake** – the enemy wants to steal your faith.

Ephesians 6:16 (NKJV) <sup>16</sup> **above all**, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

Ephesians 6:18 (NKJV) <sup>18</sup> praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

\*Take up a place of prayer & the word!

## Conclusion

Proverbs 3:5 (NKJV) <sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding;

**Goal? Faith. Authentic faith. To grow in faith.** Trust God for something. Step out of comfort zone. Out of control.