

Maturing Faith

Read [Matthew 6:32-33](#)

“Your heavenly Father knows.” Maturing faith ultimately begins with acknowledging that our Father knows—He knows us, He knows what we need, and He knows where we are (physically and spiritually) at any given moment of our lives ([Matthew 6:8](#)). With this acknowledgment, we lay a foundation of trust and faith in His leading that will grow as we “exercise” that faith. The priority is to seek His kingdom and His righteousness. In doing so, Jesus concludes that “all these things shall be added unto you” (v.33). God leaves nothing to chance where His children are concerned.

We’ve all heard “no pain, no gain” when it comes to exercising. If you want the results, you have to put in the effort. As you reach one goal, you add a little more weight (resistance) or a little more time to the training period to build more muscle and endurance. Faith is built on the same principle. The more trials and circumstances we face and overcome through faith in God, the stronger our faith grows ([James 1:3](#)). It is also true that the hardest circumstances are the ones that give us the most spiritual growth—if we don’t lose faith in our faithful God.

I must trust God to “know” and not lean on my own understanding ([Prov 3: 5-6](#)) because it builds my confidence in God and increases my faith. The stronger my faith grows, the sweeter my relationship is with my Father and the easier it becomes to trust Him when He leads me to areas that are definitely out of my comfort zone—whether it’s changing jobs, moving, teaching a Bible study (or writing a devotional), or making a commitment to give beyond what I feel is possible for me.

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Essential Question:

*When you see
God at work
what happens
to your faith?*

Prayer Focus:

*Lord,
Open my
eyes that I
might see
You working
through me.*

*Prayers
God Has
Answered*

Reflective Notes

How is God speaking to me?

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