

Because I Believe

A MAJOR TOPIC

- Faith and Believe - referenced over 400 times
 1. Faith - a firm persuasion / conviction
 2. Believe - to be firmly persuaded
 3. Anything mentioned this much should not be ignored
 4. We live by our convictions and firm persuasion (*Romans 1:16-17 NKJV*)

PAUL BELIEVED FAITH WAS VITAL TO THE EARLY CHURCH

(1 Thessalonians 3:1-5 CSB)

- The primary reason for sending Timothy to Thessalonian church
 1. To strengthen and encourage them in their faith
 2. Our belief / firm persuasion is not static
- The end result of stronger / encouraged belief
 1. So the believers would not be shaken by the troubles they were experiencing
 2. Paul was upfront about troubles
 3. Paul sent Timothy to know their faith
- The good news Timothy brought back (*1 Thessalonians 3:6-8 CSB*)
 1. Not that everything was fine and their troubles were over
 2. It was the evidence of their faith and love
 3. The firm persuasion of the church encouraged Paul

BECAUSE WE BELIEVE WE RESPOND DIFFERENTLY TO LIFE

- We have something to say (*2 Corinthians 4:13 NKJV*)
 1. God's Kingdom is not quiet
 2. Speaking God's Word, a spiritual principle (*Deuteronomy 30:11-14 NKJV*)
 - a. God's Word is designed to live in two places
 - b. Causes faith to come (*Romans 10:17 NKJV*)
 - c. Is an act of faith (*Romans 10:10 NKJV*)