

What Does It Mean to Act in Faith?

NEW TESTAMENT SEMINARY MATERIAL

Read the *Doctrinal Mastery Core Document* (2022) “Acquiring Spiritual Knowledge,” paragraphs 1–2 and 5–7, and the following statement by Elder Neil L. Andersen of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. As you study, look for what it means to act in faith and what can help you to apply this principle when you have questions.



Faith does not fall upon us by chance or stay with us by birthright. ... Faith in Jesus Christ is a gift from heaven that comes as we choose to believe and as we seek it and hold on to it. ... The future of your faith is not by chance, but by choice. ...

Faith never demands an answer to every question but seeks the assurance and courage to move forward, sometimes acknowledging, “I don’t know everything, but I do know enough to continue on the path of discipleship.”

Immersing oneself in persistent doubt, fueled by answers from the faithless and the unfaithful, weakens one’s faith in Jesus Christ and the Restoration. “The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him” [1 Corinthians 2:14]. ...

Although your beginning fire of faith may be small, righteous choices bring greater confidence in God, and your faith grows. (Neil L. Andersen, “Faith Is Not by Chance, but by Choice,” *Ensign* or *Liahona*, Nov. 2015, 65–67)

- Why do you think it is important to act in faith when we have questions and concerns?
- What did you learn from these readings about what it means to act in faith?