

Day 4

Fast Facts

Quick! Grab your Bible and flip to James 1:5-8.

God Says

"I'm a grasshopper. I'm a grasshopper." You're getting a little tired of your little brother wearing all green and hopping around the house, constantly chanting, "I'm a grasshopper. I'm a grasshopper." After a week of this, you finally ask him what he thinks he's doing. He tells you that in his Sunday School class, he read James 1:5-8, so he figures if he has faith that God can make him into a grasshopper, God will!

I Do

How would you answer your little brother? In one sense, of course, God can do anything He wants, including change a human into a grasshopper. However, God only does things if they fit into His will and if they are good for us. As far as we know, there are no recorded instances of human-to-grasshopper conversions.

When you pray, do you really believe that God can do anything? Spend a few minutes thinking of all the amazing things God has done (just look outside at His creation and you're bound to get some ideas).

Today and tomorrow, try to remember these awesome things so that you'll be more confident that God can do anything!

Devotions in Motion

**Week 28: The Centurion:
A Trusting Faith**

Day 1

Quick Questions

Don't even think about doing anything else before you flip to Hebrews 11:1.

God Says

What's something you're hoping for in the next week?

- A gooey, chocolate, chocolate, extra chocolate-chip sundae
- An autograph from your favorite musician
- The girl or guy of your dreams sits next to you at break
- Your teacher forgets about your science test

Hard to choose, isn't it? There's one thing that all four options have in common: they're all temporary - here today and gone tomorrow.

I Do

Hebrews 11:1 gives us something to hope for that won't be gone tomorrow - our faith. It helps us be sure of God's presence and joy in this lifetime and confident of eternal life with Him after we die. Spend a few minutes asking God how you can have more faith and certainty in Him, even if He is invisible.

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Day 3

Quick Questions

If you're someone who likes adventurous or scary movies, race ahead to Hebrews 11:32-40.

God Says

Let's say your dad makes you choose to do one of the following. Which would be the worst choice?

- Cleaning a sewer for a week without gloves
- Eating liver for dinner 17 days in a row
- Living in a room with a mouse for a month

I Do

The truth is none of these options are very good. But at least none of these could cost you your life. In Hebrews 11:32-40, we learn about all sorts of heroes from the Bible who had to live through much worse things - things that could have cost them their lives. Even if they didn't immediately triumph over their immediate circumstances, every single one of them was blessed by God. Maybe you're not in danger of being sawed in two or put in prison, but you're probably facing some tough things. Take a few minutes today to ask God to help you have the kind of faith that will help you in the midst of the hard stuff you're going through right now.

Day 2

Fast Facts

If you like the biggest piece of cake, turn quickly to Hebrews 11:4.

God Says

It's cake time and your mom hands you the knife. Bummer, you think to yourself. You were really hoping that your mom would have given the knife to your younger brother, Zwelli. That way he'd have to do the cutting which meant, according to the family rule of "You cut - I choose", you'd get to choose the first piece of cake. But now you're stuck. You've got to cut the cake, and he gets the chance to choose the first piece.

I Do

We're so quick to want the biggest piece of cake, the most whipped cream, the best slice of pizza. Abel wanted the best meat from the animal, not for himself, but as an offering for God. Even though he was murdered by his jealous brother Cain, his faith still speaks loudly and clearly today. He had faith that God would take care of him, so of course he could give God anything and everything that he had. How can you give God your best today? If you have faith that He will take care of you, you can give Him every part of your life with no worries.