



“The Birth and Growth of Faith”

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Introduction – *We are in a sermon series on the subject of faith. Today, we look at how faith in Jesus is born in us and how it grows.*

I. The Three Parts of Faith.

- A. Jesus’ encounter with the woman at the well shows us what she needed in order to believe in Jesus.

- B. First, in order to believe a person needs the right information about who they are trusting in.

- C. Second, in order to believe a person needs to have the right object of their trust.

- D. Third, in order to believe a person needs to commit to act on what they believe to be true.

II. How Faith is Born.

- A. The woman at the well and the men of Samaria were born again by the word that was spoken to them.

- B. Faith comes by hearing the Word (the Gospel) (Romans 10:17).

III. How Faith Grows.

- A. When Jesus miraculously changed water into wine at the wedding in Cana, we can see faith grow in three stages in the royal official from Capernaum who found Jesus.

- B. First, the royal official believes that Jesus can do miracles. (v.49)

- C. Second, the royal official believes the Word that Jesus told him. (v.50)

- D. Third, the royal official believes in Jesus and becomes a believing person. (v.51-53)

Conclusion.