



**REAL  
FAITH**

# Mission Statement

Riva Trace Baptist church is real people  
with ***REAL FAITH*** building real  
community in order to transform our  
world for Jesus Christ.

# Real Faith Defined

- **Faith:** Assurance; Belief, Confidence; Conviction
- **Substance:** Foundation on which something stands  
(Building; Contract; Promise)
- **Evidence:** A settled conviction; Proof;

*“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Heb 11:1 (KJV)*

# What Strengthens Faith

- Word of God
- Testimony of others
- Evidence we see around us
- Impact we see in others lives

*“Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.” Rom 1:17*

# Operation of Real Faith

- **Initial faith:**      **Trusting Jesus for salvation**
- **Ongoing faith:**    **Walking with Jesus day by day**

*“For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written:  
“The righteous will live by faith.” Rom 1:17*

# Struggle of Real Faith

- Sometimes God is growing us
- Sometimes Satan is tempting us
- Sometimes Life is stretching us
- Sometimes others disappoint and hurt us
- Sometimes we make bad decisions

*“Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.” 1Tim 6:12*



**Everything happens for a reason.**

**And  
sometimes the  
reason is  
you're stupid  
and make bad  
decisions**





# Building Up of Real Faith

- Feed it the Word of God
- Exercise it regularly
- Intentionally strengthen it
- Be with those that support and help it grow

The disciples said to Jesus: *“Lord we believe...Help our unbelief.”*

Mark 9:24

# Evidence of Real Faith: Action

- Noah built an ark
- Abraham left his home
- Israelites walked through the Red Sea...and Jordan!
- Rahab hid the spies
- Esther went to the King on behalf of her people

*“In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”*

**James 2:17**

# Outcome of Real Faith

- **God is pleased:** *He rewards those who seek Him*
- **We are blessed:** *We learn to overcome the world.*

*“Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God!”*

**1John 5:5**

**“I just don’t have that much faith!”**

***“It is not necessary to have great faith; even small faith is enough, as long as it is faith in a great God!”***

***Leon Morris***

***“It is not the amount of faith that brings the impossible within reach, but the power of God which is available to even the smallest faith!***

***RT France***



# Two Questions

- **Have you trusted Christ for salvation?**
- **Are you Growing in your faith?**

# Two Actions

- **Come today and accept Jesus**
- **Make the changes YOU need to make to grow**