

# A Little More Like Mary

Luke 1

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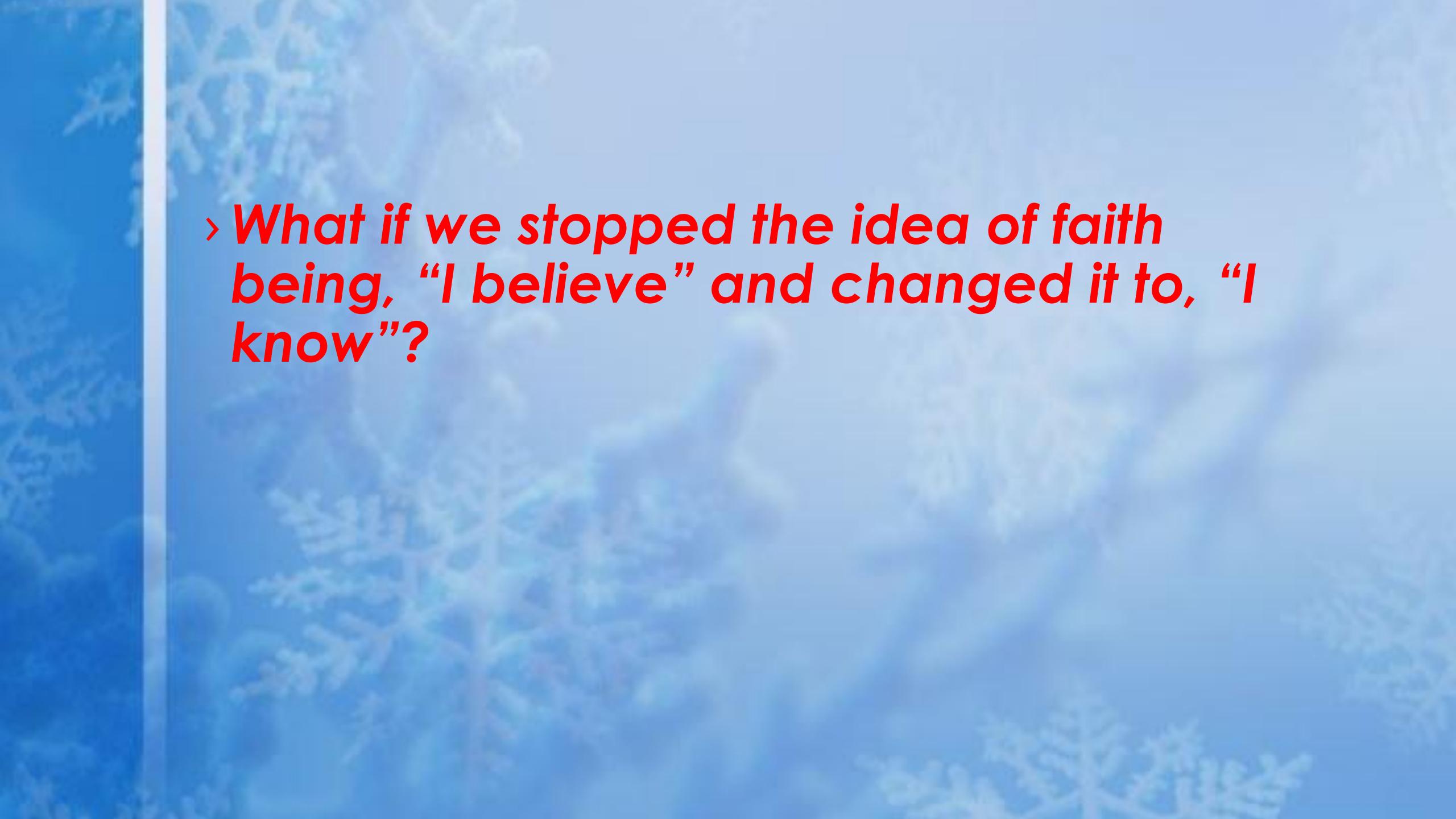
> <sup>38</sup> Then Mary said, “Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her. <sup>39</sup> Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, <sup>40</sup> and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.

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><sup>41</sup> And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. <sup>42</sup> Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup> But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

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><sup>44</sup> **For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.** <sup>45</sup> **Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord.”**



› **What if we stopped the idea of faith being, “I believe” and changed it to, “I know”?**

# Hebrews 11:1-3

› Now faith is the assurance (title deed, confirmation) of things hoped for (divinely guaranteed), and the evidence of things not seen [the conviction of their reality—faith comprehends as fact what cannot be experienced by the physical senses]. <sup>2</sup> For by this [kind of] faith the men of old gained [divine] approval. <sup>3</sup> By faith [that is, with an inherent trust and enduring confidence in the power, wisdom and goodness of God] we understand that the worlds (universe, ages) were framed and created [formed, put in order, and equipped for their intended purpose] by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible. (AMP)

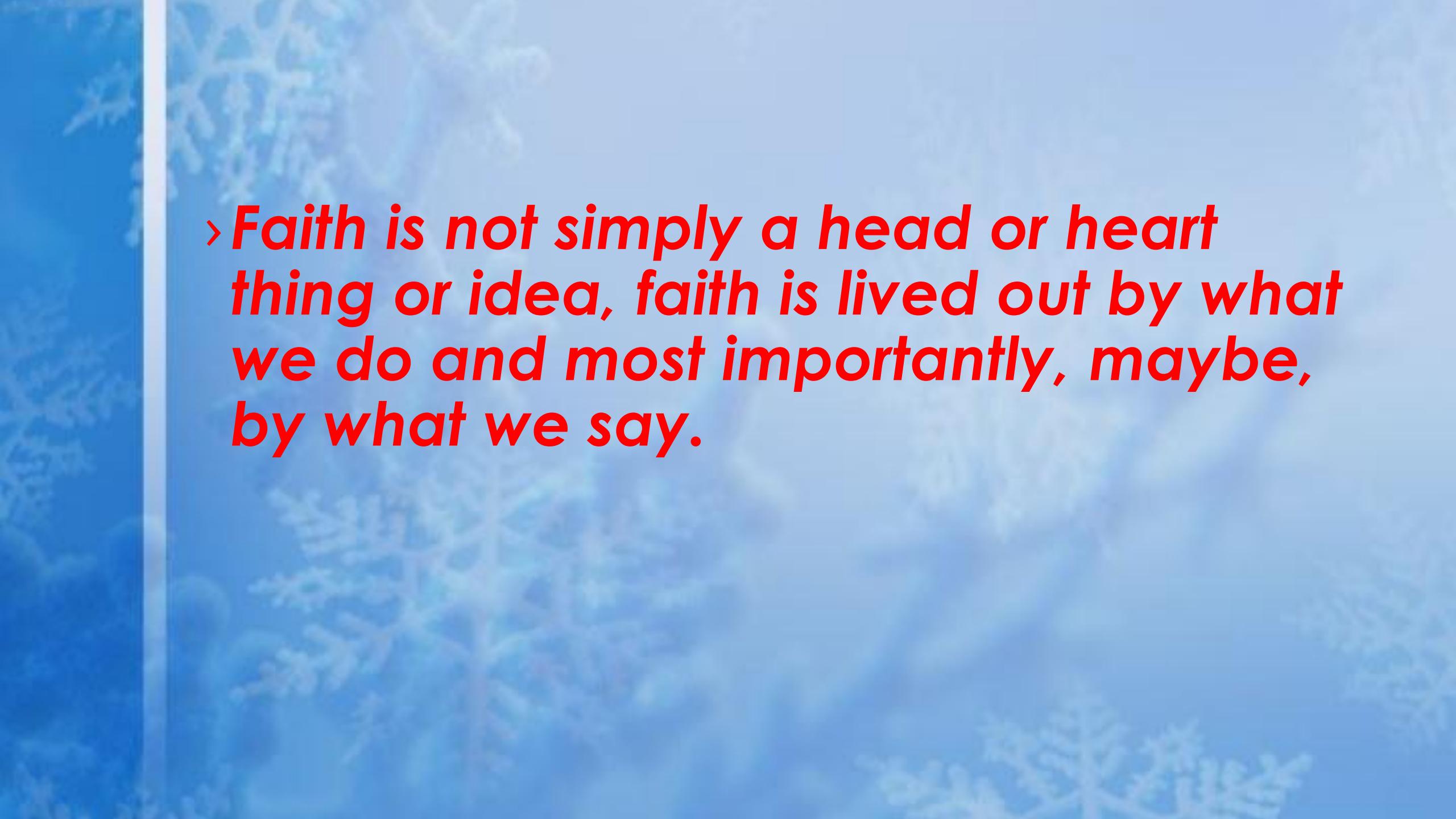
# James 1:5-8

› **5 If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. 6 But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. 7 Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. 8 Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do. (NLT)**

# *Faith is manifested in the most difficult circumstances.*

- › *Zacharias looked at the natural and doubted.*
- › *Yet, it was his shortcomings and limitations that necessitated the prayer in the first place.*
- › *He knew he could not do it and then doubt when God came to help.*

- › **Faith takes ownership of God's promises.**
- › **Hebrews 11:1-3 - Now faith is the assurance (title deed, confirmation) of things hoped for (divinely guaranteed), and the evidence of things not seen...**



› ***Faith is not simply a head or heart thing or idea, faith is lived out by what we do and most importantly, maybe, by what we say.***

› **Notice, those who received God's promises that those promises did not simply benefit themselves, but the receiving of those promises benefited and impacted others.**

- › When God calls you and I to move in faith, He is not calling us for earthly successes, but to spiritual greatness.
- › It may be that we have earthly blessings that God gives us and that we should indeed thank God for, but there are things eternally more important than earthly things.

***One person's faith may change the course for many.***

- › ***Luke 5:20 - When He saw their faith, He said to him, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.”***
- › ***James 5:16 - Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.***