

# The Matrix Of Faith

*"Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation." 1 Peter 2:2 (English Standard Version)*

Go to the \_\_\_\_\_ house if you're looking for \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Faith Is Formed By Receiving God's Word**

A. Barred from the Promised Land:

1. Hebrews 4:2 - Some who \_\_\_\_\_ to God's promise did not have \_\_\_\_\_. (What if they hadn't \_\_\_\_\_ the promise?)
2. Hebrews 4:2 - "The \_\_\_\_\_ news came to \_\_\_\_\_."

B. Spending time in the Bible is a matrix of faith:

1. Romans 10:17 - Faith comes by \_\_\_\_\_ Christ's \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Psalm 1:1-3 - One who \_\_\_\_\_ in God's word and \_\_\_\_\_ in it will thrive.
  3. 2 Timothy 1:5; 3:14,15 - Timothy's \_\_\_\_\_ faith came to him because his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ taught him.
  4. Acts 16:4,5 - When the \_\_\_\_\_ Christians heard the message, their faith was \_\_\_\_\_ by it.
  5. Romans 10:14 - How can we believe if we don't \_\_\_\_\_?
- C. 1 Peter 2:2 - We're to \_\_\_\_\_ for God's word as \_\_\_\_\_ long for milk.

## **Faith Is Formed By Active Discipleship**

A. To become a better \_\_\_\_\_ you can't just \_\_\_\_\_ books about the subject; you have to \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Active discipleship is a matrix for faith:

1. John 8:31 - To \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ's word means that we not just know it, but also \_\_\_\_\_ it.
  2. 2 Thessalonians 1:3,4 - Their faith was \_\_\_\_\_, as evidenced by their \_\_\_\_\_ in their trials.
  3. Romans 4:19-21 - \_\_\_\_\_ grew stronger in his faith as he \_\_\_\_\_ God.
  4. Ephesians 4:15,16 - If we are \_\_\_\_\_ to the body (the church), we'll be given help in \_\_\_\_\_ our faith.
- C. James 2:26 - Without \_\_\_\_\_ our faith is \_\_\_\_\_.

We all \_\_\_\_\_ faith. Will we go to the right matrix to find it?

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