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Key Initial Questions

- 1. What do you see as the appropriate way to talk to God?**
 - **What is the right tone?**
 - **What are you allowed to ask for?**
 - **How do you ask God for something?**
- 2. What is your definition of faith?**
- 3. How does faith interact with your relationship with God and your daily interaction with Him?**



Chutzpah

Jewish word

חֲצִפָּה

In Modern Times

Cocky, Pushy Agressive

It is a negative term now

In Biblical Times

**Intense passion to do something,
Complete persistence, Will not
quit no matter what, Can't contain
it within**

Translated as "Faith"

Faith

To a Westerner

It is information
Something to ponder & think
about
It filters through the head

Confession of Faith

To a Easterner

It is a fire that comes out of your
heart
It is how you live every moment
It is an Intense action that you Act
Out On

Proof of Faith

Genesis 15

After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.”

2 But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” **3** And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

4 Then the word of the Lord came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” **5** He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” **6** Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness. **7** He also said to him, “I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.” **8** But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?”

Matthew 8

The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. 9 For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this *one*, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does *it*." 10 When Jesus heard *it*, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"

Matthew 14

29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" 31 And immediately Jesus stretched out *His* hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

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Matthew 9

2 Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."

Matthew 17

20 So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. 21 However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

Faith When We Pray & Worship

The Westerner

Please heal him, BUT if it is not your will its ok...

Think about our classic scene of Worship on Sundays



The Easterner

Do it Lord and I won't stop harassing you until you do!

Everything about God makes you want to dance and scream with Joy and Wonder!



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Key Take-Aways & Assessments

- 1. How do you address God? What needs to change?**
- 2. What other Biblical examples are there of Faith as we have learned here in the Bible?**
- 3. What is your posture when praying or worshiping? What is your congregation's posture?**
- 4. How does the aspect of *Chutzpah* play out in the Old and New Testament? What is similar? What is different?**
- 5. Share this with at least one person and gain a different perspective.**