

## Myth #2: *Faith Can Accomplish Anything*

The second in the series:

*Urban Myths: Debunking Christian Clichés*

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A close miss:

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A sad substitution:

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The way it works:

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## Questions for Personal Reflection And Group Discussion

1. What does the story about Harry Truman refusing to evacuate before the eruption of Mt. St. Helens illustrate?
2. What do you call something that is close to being true, but not true?
3. As important as faith is to our lives, what is its limitation? Think of the broken chair. What did this object lesson teach about faith?
4. Why does the author of Hebrews end his list in chapter 11 as he does? What does Hebrews 11:35-40 demonstrate?
5. What happens to those who expect God to quickly meet all their demands?
6. Read 2 Peter 3:9 and Psalm 90:4. What does God want us to understand about his timetable compared to ours? What are the implications of this huge difference between how God sees time and how we do?
7. Read 2 Cor. 12:7-10. Why didn't Paul get his way? Why don't we get our way?
8. What was Christ's point in Matt. 6:7,8? Was he trying to discourage prayer? In what way might this be an encouragement?
9. How should we understand the role of faith in prayer? How should we practice faith in our lives?
10. If you've allowed disappointment with God to distance you from him, then talk to God about that. Pray about your habit of prayer.

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