

Textures of Faith

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Questions to consider, discuss or journal.

- 1) The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. (Gal 5:6) How does your faith express itself through love? What does that look like in your day to day life?
- 2) Does your church community provide an opportunity for you to express your faith? How could you create more opportunities for a fuller expression of faith as a community?
- 3) Paul contrasts the path of loving faith against simply following religious regulations. Which path have you tread on in your faith journey?
- 4) Any time we have faith in someone, there's risk involved. True reliance implies there is no back up plan. Consider your faith in God. Does your faith have a back up plan or is it more like a trust fall?
- 5) What do you rely on God for? What can't you rely on God for? What does it mean to be reliant on God?
- 6) What areas of pride in your own life pull you away from faith? The author cites examples of material possessions, doctrinal certainty, and right living. Which rings true in your life?
- 7) Are you vulnerable with God? Are you open and allowing God to lead you? Or have you held back and clung to a sense of control and self-reliance?