

SOWING SEEDS OF FAITH

Brad Driedger - May 10, 2026

2 Timothy 1:5 (NLT)

I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you.

2 Timothy 3:14–15 (NLT)

But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. ¹⁵ You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus.

“What you do speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what you say.” -*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

1. The Widow at Zarephath - Faith for God's provision

1 Kings 17:8–16 (NLT)

Then the LORD said to Elijah, ⁹ “Go and live in the village of Zarephath, near the city of Sidon. I have instructed a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰ So he went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the gates of the village, he saw a widow gathering sticks, and he asked her, “Would you please bring me a little water in a cup?” ¹¹ As she was going to get it, he called to her, “Bring me a bite of bread, too.” ¹² But she said, “I swear by the LORD your God that I don't have a single piece of bread in the house. And I have only a handful of flour left in the jar and a little cooking oil in the bottom of the jug. I was just gathering a few sticks to cook this last meal, and then my son and I will die.” ¹³ But Elijah said to her, “Don't be afraid! Go ahead and do just what you've said, but make a little bread for me first. Then use what's left to prepare a meal for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: There will always be flour and olive oil left in your containers until the time when the LORD sends rain and the crops grow again!” ¹⁵ So she did as Elijah said, and she and Elijah and her family continued to eat for many days. ¹⁶ There was always enough flour and olive oil left in the containers, just as the LORD had promised through Elijah.

When God calls us to something - even something that feels like life and death, we can step out in faith and believe that he will provide for our needs!

2. Jochebed - Faith to surrender

Exodus 2:1–10 (NLT)

About this time, a man and woman from the tribe of Levi got married. ² The woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She saw that he was a special baby and kept him hidden for three months. ³ But when she could no longer hide him, she got a basket made of papyrus reeds and waterproofed it with tar and pitch. She put the baby in the basket and laid it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile River. ⁴ The baby's sister then stood at a distance, watching to see what would happen to him. ⁵ Soon Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe in the river, and her attendants walked along the riverbank. When the

princess saw the basket among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it for her. ⁶ When the princess opened it, she saw the baby. The little boy was crying, and she felt sorry for him. “This must be one of the Hebrew children,” she said. ⁷ Then the baby’s sister approached the princess. “Should I go and find one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?” she asked. ⁸ “Yes, do!” the princess replied. So the girl went and called the baby’s mother. ⁹ “Take this baby and nurse him for me,” the princess told the baby’s mother. “I will pay you for your help.” So the woman took her baby home and nursed him. ¹⁰ Later, when the boy was older, his mother brought him back to Pharaoh’s daughter, who adopted him as her own son. The princess named him Moses, for she explained, “I lifted him out of the water.”

Jochebed had the faith to surrender her baby boy

Hebrews 11:23 (NLT)

It was by faith that Moses’ parents hid him for three months when he was born. They saw that God had given them an unusual child, and they were not afraid to disobey the king’s command.

Hebrews 11:24–27 (NLT)

It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter.

²⁵ He chose to share the oppression of God’s people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He thought it was better to suffer for the sake of Christ than to own the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to his great reward. ²⁷ It was by faith that Moses left the land of Egypt, not fearing the king’s anger. He kept right on going because he kept his eyes on the one who is invisible.

If our kids see that faith is real in us, and if we bring this faith into everyday life, we are sowing seeds of faith!

Ways to sow faith in the everyday things:

- **Devotions and worship**
- **Letting them see/hear you pray, study, worship**
- **Talk about God in everyday things**

Deuteronomy 6:7 (NLT)

Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.

- **Bring them to church consistently**
- **Letting them see your faith when life is hard**
- **Speaking identity over them**
- **Serving others as a family**

Never underestimate what god can do through years of faithfully sowing faith in the next generation.

Don’t stop sowing! Even when it feels insignificant!

Galatians 6:9 (ESV)

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

You can count the number of seeds in an apple, but you can't count the number of apples in a seed.

Hebrews 10:35–36 (NLT)

So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you!

³⁶ Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised.

PAUSE. TAKE TIME TO BE RENEWED AND REFRESHED BY GOD!

Isaiah 40:28–31 (ESV)

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. ³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹ but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.