



A merchant who had a cellar under his shop, reached only by a trap door in the floor had gone down for some goods. His little girl of five years came into the store, and missing her father cried, "Father!" "I am here, Mary," he shouted from the dark cellar. "I do not see you," said the child. "But I am here, Mary, and if you jump, I shall catch you in my arms," said the father. The child knew her father would not deceive her. She took him at his word, and jumping into the darkness, was caught in her father's strong arms. That was faith.

The Lord Jesus also once asked Simon Peter to launch into the deep for a draught of fish (Luke 5: 1-11). This was after he had been on the high seas all-night-long without catching any fish. However, to the amazement of Peter and all, at the word of the Lord, He caught so much fish that his net started to tear. He had to get His neighbour's help to drag his net to shore. God is a loving and caring Father that would never disappoint His children nor allow them to suffer unnecessarily.

We need to develop such child-like faith. We often find it difficult to believe God when there's nothing physical in sight to see or hold unto. However, faith is trusting God even when there is nothing to see. God is a Spirit and the Bible requires that those who must worship Him must do so in spirit and truth (John 4: 24). Again, the Bible declares that the just shall live by faith. And it is only those who can dare to jump like little Mary and launch into the deep like Peter that can be described as men and women of faith. Will you trust Him to do what He is asking you to do now? God bless you.