

Statement of Faith  
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*The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the first foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we can't see.*

*Hebrews 11:1*

As a Christian, I believe in the Triune God. A creator, a savior and a spirit that lives within us. A God that is one essence and three persons. It is complicated to explain and understand, but I trust that God knew that I would need different persons at different times of my journey. A God more powerful than humankind, a God who walks among us on earth, and a God who lives in me.

I believe that God is love. Love is beautiful, complicated, messy and powerful. God taught us that the most important tools of love are thankfulness and forgiveness. God provided the Bible, the holy word, to guide us. God gave us the privilege of prayer to help us understand and to talk things out. God asks us to worship both in community and in an individual to strengthen us. The only thing God requires of us, is to love. We are required to love our God, ourselves, our neighbors, the stranger and our enemies. And even when we fall short, God never stops loving us.

My faith is living. It is constantly growing and changing; it sometimes dies and springs back anew. It can be strong and it can be weak. But my faith, like my God, is always there.