

## “The Path to Greater Realms”

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The vision God has given you may be quite large and seem daunting. I know when I face something daunting I wonder what to do first. Looking for the answer to that question, I sometimes get myself confused in the details and see a mountain much bigger than the one I really need to climb. More than once, The Sojourner has stopped me in my circular track, pointed to the next task or two in the plan, and started me on the road to progress and success again. This road usually is not as winding and treacherous as the one I created in my mind.

Psalm 119 gives insight into this very issue:

I run in the path of your commands,  
for you have set my heart free. Psalm 119:32 NIV

Freedom comes from God. Obeying God's commands we will find life less confusing because we have a clearly defined road to follow. The Sojourner has often spo-



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ken about the necessity of doing the General Orders of the Day. Why would any soldier be promoted if he did not even keep up with the general orders that everyone has to do?

Likewise, keeping God's commands gives us the firm foundation, the firm footing we need so when God gives us that vision or the next step in the vision, we will have no need to run in confused circles. We can confidently walk in the path of his commands. Sometimes God's next command may seem daunting, but that is where faith comes into play. The Word tells us God has given us all we need, so trust his word and experience God's freedom as he leads us into realms far greater than we've imagined.

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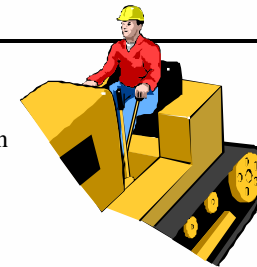
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## “Power Travels With Faith” (Teaching Sketch)

Hebrews 11:1-6 (NIV)



Where there is no law there is no transgression! That statement in Romans 4:15 seems to make a lot of sense with little follow-up in thinking needed.

Scratching below the surface, however, reveals the power in this verse of scripture. If we can truly understand what is being said here it can change everything in our thinking and our lives.

### Asking for Faith

The Apostles asked Jesus to increase their faith.

5The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" (Luke 17:5 NIV)

### How Much is Enough?

Jesus gave what must have seemed like a startling reply when he said:

6He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed,

you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you. (Luke 17:6 NIV)

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Faith is always in the “NOW!” Faith can only be active in the now. If in the past faith is history. If in the future it is hope. We know that faith has substance because the scriptures tell us so, and because of our report or our testimony of seeing those things come to pass as a result of our faith.

There is a lie of Satan floating around out there that God cannot be proven. It is our testimony of God's faithfulness that can quickly dispel that lie.

One of the reasons a journal is so important for a Christian is because the record of God's faithfulness in our lives can be reviewed by us and others to demonstrate how the Word

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## Scripture:

### Hebrews 11:1-6 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup>Now faith<sup>[a]</sup> is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. <sup>2</sup>This is what the ancients were commended for.

<sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. <sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead.

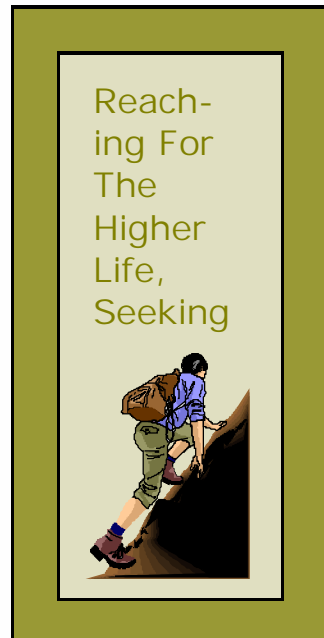
<sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Hebrews 11:13-16

<sup>13</sup>All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them

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from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. <sup>14</sup>People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.



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carries substance with it!

### We Understand

Verse three informs us that we can understand the universe and many things by faith. The things of God seem as foolishness to the person without faith. That is the way it is with us before we believe through faith coming to us, all things of God seem foolish.

### We Act

We act on our faith (v. 4) in proportion to the faith we possess. Prayer is one of those acts that, if done in faith, will yield results.

### We are Rewarded

You and I will see the reward of our faith relationship with Christ as the Holy Spirit reveals it. Enoch was rewarded for his faith (v. 5).

### No Faith No Reward

We are not pleasing to God at all, without faith.

### He Exists

Anyone who comes to God must believe he:

- (1) exists and
- (2) He will reward the EAR-NEST SEEKER!

NOW THAT'S POWER!!!

### Just so you'll know:

**Our service is informal.** We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
  - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship**
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given during “Praise & Worship” (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
  - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

