

## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU HAVE FAITH

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*"The Good News shows how God makes people right with himself—that it begins and ends with faith. As the Scripture says, 'But those who are right with God will live by faith.'" Romans 1:17 (NCV)*

*"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 11:6 (NIV)

### FAITH IS \_\_\_\_\_

*"What is faith? It is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen. It is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see it up ahead." Hebrews 11:1 (NLT)*

*"I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers."*  
Ephesians 1:18 (CEB)

## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE SEE WITH EYES OF FEAR?

(Number 13-14 Spying out the Promised Land)

### 1. WE EXAGGERATE \_\_\_\_\_

*"It is indeed a magnificent country . . . But the people living there are powerful, and their cities are fortified and very large; and what's more, we saw Anakim giants there!" Numbers 13:27-28 (TLB)*

*"Other spies said. 'They would crush us!' So the majority report of the spies was negative." Numbers 13:31-32 (TLB)*

### 2. WE UNDERESTIMATE \_\_\_\_\_

*"We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."*  
Numbers 13:33 (NIV)

### 3. WE \_\_\_\_\_

*"Then all the people began weeping aloud, and they carried on all night."*  
Numbers 14:1 (TLB)

### 4. WE START TO \_\_\_\_\_

*"Their voices rose in a great chorus of complaint against Moses and Aaron. 'We wish we had died in Egypt,' they wailed, 'or even here in the wilderness.'" Numbers 14:2 (TLB)*

### 5. WE EVENTUALLY \_\_\_\_\_

*"Why is the Lord bringing us to this land to be killed with swords . . . We would be better off going back to Egypt." Numbers 14:3 (NCV)*

## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE SEE WITH EYES OF FAITH?

### 1. FAITH \_\_\_\_\_

*"Is anything too hard for the Lord?" Genesis 18:14 (NCV)*

*"For nothing will be impossible with God." Luke 1:37 (CSB)*

### 2. FAITH \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus: *"Have faith in God! If you have faith in God and you don't doubt, you could tell this mountain to get up and jump into the sea, and it will. Everything you ask for in prayer will be yours, if you only have faith." Mark 11:22-24 (CEV)*

### 3. FAITH \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus: *"According to your faith . . . it will be done to you." Matthew 9:29 (AMP)*

### 4. FAITH \_\_\_\_\_

*"For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ." 2 Corinthians 1:20 (NIV)*

### 5. FAITH \_\_\_\_\_

*"Glory be to god, who by his mighty power at work within us, is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of—infinately beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes!" Ephesians 3:20 (TLB)*

### 6. FAITH GIVES ME \_\_\_\_\_

*"We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we're not crushed and broken. We're perplexed, but we don't give up and quit. We're attacked but God never abandons us. We get knocked down, but we get up and keep going!" 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 (NLT)*

*"God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life." John 3:16 (CEV)*

## HOW TO GET READY FOR A MIRACLE

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### WHAT IS IT? A TWO MONTH FOCUS ON \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, AND \_\_\_\_\_ IN FAITH

*"Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught." Colossians 2:7 (NLT)*

*"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously." 2 Corinthians 9:6 (NIV)*

*"It was by faith Abraham obeyed God's call to go to another place God promised to give him. He left his own country, not knowing where he was to go." Hebrews 11:8 (NCV)*

### WHY ARE WE DOING IT?

*"Without faith it is impossible to please God." Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)*

*"Anything that is not done in faith is sin." Romans 14:23 (GW)*

*"According to your faith let it be done to you." Matthew 9:29 (NIV)*

## 4 PURPOSES

### 1. TO ADVANCE \_\_\_\_\_ BY STRETCHING OUR FAITH

*"When your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing." James 1:3-4 (NLT)*

### 2. TO ENHANCE \_\_\_\_\_ BY COOPERATING TOGETHER

*"Believers were united in their hearts and spirit . . . In fact, they shared everything . . . From time to time those who owned fields or houses sold them, brought the money." Acts 4:32-34 (NCV)*

### 3. TO FINANCE \_\_\_\_\_ THROUGH AN OFFERING AND OUR 36 MONTH GIVING PLEDGED

Paul: *"What we're hoping for is that as your lives grow in faith, you'll play a part within our expanding work." 2 Corinthians 10:15 (MSG)*

*"Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us—I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving." 2 Corinthians 8:7 (NLT)*

### 4. TO HONOR THE EVERYDAY \_\_\_\_\_ SERVING IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

*"Epaphroditus, my brother in Christ, works and serves with me in the army of Christ. When I needed help, you sent him to me . . . Welcome him in the Lord with much joy. Give honor to people like him, because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to give me the help you could not give in your service to me." Philippians 2:25, 29-30 (NCV)*

## HOW FAITH IN JESUS TURNS A LITTLE INTO A LOT

Mark 6:34-44—The Miracle of Feeding the 5,000

### 1. ADMIT \_\_\_\_\_

*"When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them . . . So he began teaching them many things. By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. 'This is a remote place . . . Send the people away so that they can go . . . and buy themselves something to eat.' But he answered, 'You give them something to eat.' They said to him, 'That would take more than half a year's wages!'" Mark 6:34-37 (NIV)*

### 2. GIVE GOD \_\_\_\_\_

*"How many loaves do you have?" he asked. 'Go and see.' When they found out, they said, 'Five—and two fish.'" Mark 6:38 (NIV)*

*"Jesus asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do." John 6:6 (NIV)*

### 3. PUT IT ALL \_\_\_\_\_

*"He took the five loaves and the two fish . . . He blessed the food and broke the loaves and He gave them to the disciples again and again." Mark 6:41 (NASB)*

### 4. EXPECT GOD \_\_\_\_\_

*"Everybody ate and was satisfied. Afterwards they collected twelve baskets full of . . .left over." Mark 6:42-43 (PHILLIPS)*

*"All things are possible with God." Mark 10:27 (NIV)*

Jesus: *"A kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds." John 12:24 (NIV)*

## DARING TO BELIEVE

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*"This is the only work God wants from you: Believe in the one he has sent."*  
John 6:29 (NLT)

### FOUR BENEFITS OF BELIEVING IN JESUS

#### 1. EVERYTHING I'VE EVER

*"All . . . who believe in Jesus will be forgiven of their sins through Jesus' name."*  
Acts 10:43 (NCV)

*"We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are."* Romans 3:22 (NLT)

#### 2. I LEARN

*"Everything, absolutely everything . . . got started in him and finds its purpose in him."* Colossians 1:16 (MSG)

*"It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for . . . part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone."*  
Ephesians 1:11 (MSG)

#### 3. I GET A GOD'S

*"He gives power to the weak, and strength to the powerless."* Isaiah 40:29 (NLT)

*"I pray that you will begin to understand how incredibly great his power is to help those who believe him. It is that same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead."* Ephesians 1:19-20 (TLB)

#### 4. I'M GUARANTEED

*"Jesus told her, 'I am the one who raises the dead and gives them life again. Anyone who believes in me, even though he dies like anyone else, shall live again. He is given eternal life for believing in me and shall never perish.'"*  
John 11:25-26 (TLB)

*"God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."* John 3:16 (NLT)

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "BELIEVE IN JESUS"?

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*"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is my Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."* Romans 10:9 (CSB)

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*"Nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord."*  
Romans 8:38-39 (NLT)

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*"Give yourselves completely to God—every part of you—for you are back from death and you want to be tools in the hands of God, to be used for his good purposes."* Romans 6:13 (TLB)

*"God has made us what we are, and in our union with Christ Jesus he has created us for a life of good deeds, which he has already prepared for us to do."*  
Ephesians 2:10 (GNT)

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*"For you have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him."* Philippians 1:29 (NLT)

*"But if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don't be afraid and don't worry."* 1 Peter 3:14 (NLT)

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*"For the word of the Lord holds true, and we can trust everything he does."*  
Psalm 33:4 (NLT)

*"God can't break his word . . . We who have run for our very lives to God have every reason to grab the promised hope with both hands and never let it go."*  
Hebrews 6:18 (MSG)

### WHY I STILL DARE TO BELIEVE

*"All who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."* John 1:12 (NIV)

## DARING TO IMAGINE

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### 3 CATEGORIES IN THE BIBLE

- Some things we shouldn't imagine
- Some things we can't imagine
- Some things we should imagine

### WHAT I'VE LEARNED FROM A LIFETIME OF GOD-INSPIRED DREAMING

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
"For as he thinks in his heart, so is he." Proverbs 23:7 (NLV)  
"Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts."  
Proverbs 4:23 (GNT)

#### GOD'S WARNING ABOUT BABEL:

"The Lord said, 'Behold, they are one [unified] people, and they all have the same language. This is only the beginning of what they will do . . . now no evil thing they imagine they can do will be impossible for them."  
Genesis 11:6 (AMP)

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
"Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see." Hebrews 11:1 (NLT)  
"We set our eyes not on what we see but on what we cannot see. What we see will last only a short time, but what we cannot see will last forever."  
2 Corinthians 4:18 (NCV)

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
"The eyes of your minds, so that you may know what that hope is to which he has called you." Ephesians 1:18 (NMB)  
"Where there is no vision, the people perish." Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
"God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us."

### LET THE SIZE OF MY GOD, DETERMINE \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_  
"If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord." James 1:5-7 (NLT)  
"Have mercy on us and help us, if you can.' 'What do you mean, 'If I can?'" Jesus asked. 'Anything is possible if a person believes.' The Father instantly cried out, 'I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!'"  
Mark 9:22-24 (NLT)

6. \_\_\_\_\_  
"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another helper who will be with you forever. That helper is the Spirit of Truth . . . You know him, because he lives with you and will be in you." John 14:16-17 (GW)  
"Open my eyes to see the wonderful truths in your instructions . . . Help me understand the meaning of your commandments, and I will meditate on your wonderful deeds." Psalm 119:18, 27 (NLT)

#### THE KEY: \_\_\_\_\_

"The Sovereign Lord has given me his words of wisdom, so that I know how to the weary. Morning by morning he wakens me and opens my understanding to his will." Isaiah 50:4 (NLT)

7. \_\_\_\_\_  
"To your faith, add goodness; and to your goodness, add knowledge; and to your knowledge, add self-control; and to your self-control, add patience; and to your patience, add service for God; and to your service for God, add kindness for your brothers and sisters in Christ; and to this kindness, add love. If all these things are in you and are growing, they will help you to be useful and productive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But anyone who does not have these things cannot see clearly." 2 Peter 1:5-9 (NCV)

8. IF A DREAM IS FROM GOD, IT WILL BE CONNECTED  
SOMEHOW TO \_\_\_\_\_  
"If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it."  
Mark 8:35 (NLT)

## DARING TO GIVE GOD MY BEST

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*“Do your best to improve your faith by adding goodness, understanding, self-control, patience, devotion to God, concern for others, and love. If you keep growing in this way, it will show that . . . Christ has made your lives useful and meaningful.” 2 Peter 1:5-8 (CEV)*

*“Honor God with everything you own; give him the first and the best. Your barns will burst, your wine vats will brim over.” Proverbs 3:9-10 (MSG)*

### HOW DO I GIVE MY BEST TO GOD?

2 Timothy 2:3-7 A Soldier, an Athlete, a Farmer

*“Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor’s crown except by competing according to the rules. The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.” 2 Timothy 2:3-7 (NIV)*

### LESSONS FROM THE MILITARY LIKE AN EFFECTIVE SOLDIER, I MUST . . .

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
*“The greatest love is shown when a person lays down his life for his friends.”  
John 15:13 (TLB)*

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
*“Accept your share of suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.”  
2 Timothy 2:3 (CEB)*

*“Live a life of love just as Christ loved us and gave himself for us as a sweet-smelling offering and sacrifice to God.” Ephesians 5:2 (NCV)*

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
*“Soldier, don’t get tied up in affairs of civilian life, for then they cannot please the officer who enlisted them.” 2 Timothy 2:4 (NLT)*

### LESSONS FROM SPORTS

*“In a race everyone runs, but only one person gets first prize. So run your race to win. To win the contest you must deny yourselves many things that would keep you from doing your best. An athlete goes to all this trouble just to win a blue ribbon or a silver cup, but we do it for a heavenly reward that never disappears. So I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step. I fight to win. I’m not just shadow-boxing or playing around. Like an athlete I punish my body, treating it roughly, training it to do what it should, not what it wants to. Otherwise I fear that after enlisting others for the race, I myself might be declared unfit and ordered to stand aside.”*

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (TLB)

### TO WIN THE PRIZE, I MUST . . .

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
*“In a race everyone runs, but only one person gets first prize. So run your race to win.” 1 Corinthians 9:24 (TLB)*

*“Run your best in the race of faith, and win eternal life for yourself; for it was to this life that God called you when you firmly professed your faith before many witnesses.” 1 Timothy 6:12 (GNT)*

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
*“If anyone competes he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.”  
2 Timothy 2:5 (LEB)*

*“To win the contest you must deny yourselves many things that would keep you from doing your best. An athlete goes to all this trouble just to win a blue ribbon or a silver cup, but we do it for a heavenly reward that never disappears. So I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step.” 1 Corinthians 9:25-26 (TLB)*

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
*“So I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step. I fight to win. I’m not just shadow-boxing or playing around.” 1 Corinthians 9:26 (TLB)*

Jesus: *“The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field.” Matthew 13:24 (NLT)*

### LESSONS FROM FARMING

*“Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. ‘For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.’ And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others . . . For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous . . . For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ.”*

2 Corinthians 9:6-13 (NLT)

## TO REAP A GREAT HARVEST, I MUST . . .

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### 2 PROMISES OF JESUS

*“Give, and you will receive. You will be given much. It will be poured into your hands—more than you can hold. You will be given so much that it will spill into your lap. The way you give to others is the way God will give to you.” Luke 6:38 (ICB)*

*“Jesus told him: You can be sure that anyone who gives up home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or land for me and for the good news will be rewarded. In this world they will be given 100 times . . . though they will also be mistreated. And in the world to come, they will have eternal life.”*

Mark 10:29-30 (CEV)

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God: "As long as the earth endures, there will be seedtime and harvest."  
Genesis 8:22 (NIV)

"Don't be misled: No one makes a fool of God. What a person plants, he will harvest." Galatians 6:7 (MSG)

### GOD'S LAWS OF PLANTING AND HARVESTING

**1. EVERYTHING STARTS** \_\_\_\_\_  
"God said, 'Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.'  
Genesis 1:11 (NIV)

A "SEED" IS ANYTHING VALUABLE \_\_\_\_\_

**2. NOTHING HAPPENS UNTIL** \_\_\_\_\_  
Jesus: "Unless a grain of wheat is buried in the ground, dead to the world, it is never any more than a grain of wheat." John 12:24 (MSG)  
  
Jesus: "The kingdom of God is like someone who plants seed in the ground. Night and day, whether the person is asleep or awake, the seed still grows, but the person does not know how it grows." Mark 4:26-27 (NCV)

**3. WHEN I HAVE A NEED** \_\_\_\_\_  
"Do your planting in the morning and in the evening, too. You never know whether it will all grow well or whether one planting will do better than the other."  
Ecclesiastes 11:6 (GNT)

**4. WHATEVER I PLANT** \_\_\_\_\_  
"You will reap exactly what you plant." Galatians 6:7 (GNT)  
  
"The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others—ignoring God!—harvests a crop of weeds. All he'll have to show for his life is weeds! But the one who plants in response to God, letting God's Spirit do the growth work in him, harvests a crop of real life, eternal life!" Galatians 6:7-8 (MSG)

**5.** \_\_\_\_\_

"I sent you to reap where you didn't sow; others did the work, and you received gather the harvest." John 4:38

**6. I ALWAYS REAP** \_\_\_\_\_  
"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven . . . A time to plant and a time to uproot . . . a time to scatter stones and a time to gather." Ecclesiastes 3:1-5

**7. I MUST BE** \_\_\_\_\_  
"Let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up."  
Galatians 6:9 (TLB)

**8. I ALWAYS REAP** \_\_\_\_\_  
"Some seed fell on good ground. It came up and grew and gave much grain. Some gave thirty times as much grain. Some gave sixty times as much grain. Some gave one hundred times as much grain." Mark 4:8 (NIV)

**9. I INCREASE MY HARVEST** \_\_\_\_\_  
"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (NIV)

"The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller." Proverbs 11:24 (MSG)

**10. THE MORE SEED I PLANT** \_\_\_\_\_  
"For God, who gives seed to the farmer to plant, and later on good crops to harvest and eat, will give you more and more seed to plant, and later on good crops to harvest and eat, will give you more and more seed to plant and will make it grow so that you can give away more and more fruit from your harvest." 2 Corinthians 9:10 (TLB)

**11. I PLANT BY FAITH,** \_\_\_\_\_  
"Those who plant in tears will harvest with shouts of joy. They weep as they go to plant their seed, but they sing as they return with the harvest."  
Psalm 126:5-6 (NLT)

**12. THE BEST TIME TO PLANT** \_\_\_\_\_  
"Those who wait for perfect weather will never plant seeds; those who look at every cloud will never harvest crops." Ecclesiastes 11:4 (NCV)

## DARING TO COMMIT

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*“Give yourselves completely to God—every part of you—for you are back from death and you want to be tools in the hands of God, to be used for his good purposes.” Romans 6:13 (TLB)*

*“Since God has shown us great mercy, I beg you to offer your lives as a living sacrifice to him. Your offering must be only for God and pleasing to him, which is the spiritual way for you to worship.” Romans 12:1 (NCV)*

### FIVE COMMITMENTS

#### 1. TO STRENGTHEN MY FAITH . . .

##### I MUST \_\_\_\_\_

*“Those who wait on 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.” Isaiah 40:31 (NKJV)*

*“Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy.” Psalm 100:2 (NLT)*

#### 2. TO DISCOVER MY IDENTITY & PURPOSE . . .

##### I MUST \_\_\_\_\_

*“We are like the various parts of a human body. Each part gets its meaning from Christ’s body as a whole, not the other way around. The body we’re talking about is Christ’s body of chosen people. Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of his body. But as a chopped-off finger or cut-off toe we wouldn’t amount to much, would we?” Romans 12:4-5 (MSG)*

*“Christ brought us together through his death on the cross. The Cross got us to embrace, and that was the end of the hostility.” Ephesians 2:16 (MSG)*

*“God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation . . . And . . . the message of reconciliation.” 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 (NIV)*

#### 3. TO DEVELOP MY POTENTIAL . . .

##### I MUST \_\_\_\_\_

*“He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow.” Ephesians 4:16 (NLT)*

*“God’s kingdom isn’t about eating and drinking. It is about pleasing God, about living in peace, and about true happiness. All this comes from the Holy Spirit.” Romans 14:17 (CEV)*

#### 4. TO EXPERIENCE SIGNIFICANCE . . .

##### I MUST \_\_\_\_\_

*“Each of you has received a gift to use to serve others. Be good servants of God’s various gifts of grace.” 1 Peter 4:10 (NCV)*

*“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:40 (NIV)*

*“If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it.” Mark 8:35 (NLT)*

*“Two people are always better than one, because they get more done by working together. If one falls down, the other can help him up. But it is bad for the person who is alone and falls, because no one is there to help. If two lie down together, they will be warm, but a person alone will not be warm. An enemy might defeat one person, but two people together can defend themselves; a rope that is woven of three strings is hard to break.” Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NCV)*

##### WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER . . .

- WE \_\_\_\_\_ (vs 9)
- WE \_\_\_\_\_ (vs 10)
- WE \_\_\_\_\_ (vs 11)

#### 5. TO MAKE AN ETERNAL DIFFERENCE . . .

##### I MUST \_\_\_\_\_

*“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you.” Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)*

*“They gave offerings of whatever they could—far more than they could afford! . . . What explains it was that they had first given themselves unreservedly to God and to us. The other giving simply flowed out of the purposes of God working in their lives.” 2 Corinthians 8:3-5 (MSG)*

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## DARING TO BE GENEROUS

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### WHAT HAPPENS EVERY TIME I GIVE: 12 BENEFITS

#### 1. GENEROSITY \_\_\_\_\_

*"They will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ."*

2 Corinthians 9:13 (NLT)

*"Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him." Proverbs 14:31 (ESV)*

#### 2. GENEROSITY DRAWS ME \_\_\_\_\_

*"The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God first in your lives."*

Deuteronomy 14:23 (TLB)

*"Your heart will be where your treasure is." Matthew 6:21 (NCV)*

#### 3. GENEROSITY MAKES ME \_\_\_\_\_

*"Some people are always greedy for more, but the godly love to give!"*

Proverbs 21:26 (NLT)

*"Purity is best demonstrated by generosity." Luke 11:41 (TLB)*

#### 4. GENEROSITY IS THE CURE FOR \_\_\_\_\_

*"You cannot serve both God and money." Matthew 6:24 (GNT)*

*"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them . . . to be generous and willing to share. In this way . . . they may take hold of the life that is truly life." 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NIV)*

#### 5. GENEROSITY \_\_\_\_\_

*"Your very giving proves the reality of your faith."*

2 Corinthians 9:13 (PHILLIPS)

*"You will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith."*

Philemon 1:6 (NLT)

*"Bring your full tithe to the Temple treasury . . . Test me in this and see if I don't open up heaven itself to you and pour out blessings beyond your wildest dreams." Malachi 3:10 (MSG)*

#### 6. GENEROSITY \_\_\_\_\_

*"If you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?" Luke 16:11 (NLT)*

#### 7. GENEROSITY BRINGS \_\_\_\_\_

*"Generous people will be blessed." Proverbs 22:9 (NCV)*

*"Give generously . . . the LORD your God will bless you in everything you do." Deuteronomy 15:10 (NLT)*

*"God loves the one who gives gladly. And God is able to give you more than you need, so that you will always have all you need for yourselves and more than enough for every good cause." 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 (GNT)*

#### 8. GENEROSITY INCREASES \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus: *"There is more happiness in giving than in receiving."*

Acts 20:35 (GNT)

#### 9. GENEROSITY EXPANDS \_\_\_\_\_

*"The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller." Proverbs 11:24 (MSG)*

*"Those in need . . . will be remembered forever . . . They will have influence and honor." Psalm 112:9 (NLT)*

#### 10. GENEROSITY \_\_\_\_\_

*"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will himself be refreshed." Proverbs 11:25 (NIV)*

*"You will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous."*

2 Corinthians 9:11 (NLT)

#### 11. GENEROSITY \_\_\_\_\_

*"All goes well for the generous man who conducts his business fairly. Such a man will not be overthrown by evil circumstances. God's constant care of him will make a deep impression on all who see it." Psalm 112:5-6 (TLB)*

## 12. **GENEROSITY WILL BE** \_\_\_\_\_

*“Use their money to do good . . . always being ready to share with others whatever God has given you. By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven—it is the only safe investment for eternity! And they will be living a fruitful Christian life down here as well.”*

1 Timothy 6:18-19 (TLB)

*“I tell you, use your worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.”* Luke 16:9 (NLT)

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## DARING TO WAIT ON GOD

Daring Faith: The Key to Miracles  
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“God does everything just right and on time, but people can never completely understand what he is doing.” Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NCV)

### WHAT TO REMEMBER WHILE WAITING ON GOD

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
“There is a time for everything, and everything on earth has its special season . . . There is a time to plant and a time to pull up plants . . . a time to throw away stones and a time to gather them.” Ecclesiastes 3:1-5 (NCV)

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
“We are not fighting against human beings but against wicked spiritual forces in the heavenly world, the rulers, authorities, and cosmic powers of this dark age.” Ephesians 6:12 (GNT)

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
“There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold.” 1 Peter 1:6-7 (NLT)

“Waiting does not diminish us, any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother. We are enlarged in the waiting. We, of course, don’t see what is enlarging us. But the longer we wait, the larger we become, and the more joyful our expectancy. Meanwhile, the moment we get tired in the waiting, God’s Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don’t know how or what to pray, it doesn’t matter. He does our praying in and for us . . . He knows us far better than we know ourselves, knows our pregnant condition . . . That’s why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good.” Romans 8:24-28 (MSG)

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
“People who lived in the past became famous because of faith.”  
Hebrews 11:2 (ICB)

5. \_\_\_\_\_  
“At the time I have decided, my words will come true. You can trust what I say about the future. It may take a long time, but keep on waiting—it will happen!”  
Habakkuk 2:3 (CEV)

### WHAT TO DO WHILE WAITING ON GOD

#### WRITE

\_\_\_\_\_“At the Lord’s direction, Moses kept a written record of their progress.”  
Numbers 33:2 (NLT)

\_\_\_\_\_“Remember today what you have learned about the Lord through your experiences with him.” Deuteronomy 11:2 (GNT)

#### ACT

\_\_\_\_\_“I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.” Mark 11:24 (NIV)

#### IMITATE

\_\_\_\_\_“We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.” Hebrews 6:12 (NIV)

Paul: “Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing.” Philippians 4:9 (NLT)

#### DON'T

• **KEEP ON** \_\_\_\_\_  
“Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.”  
Matthew 7:7 (NLT)

• **KEEP ON** \_\_\_\_\_  
“Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically.”  
Romans 12:11 (NLT)

• **KEEP ON** \_\_\_\_\_  
“Let us not give up the habit of meeting together . . . Instead let us encourage one another.” Hebrews 10:25 (GNT)

• **KEEP ON** \_\_\_\_\_  
“Keep on sowing your seed, for you never know which ones will grow—perhaps it all will!” Ecclesiastes 11:6 (TLB)

• **KEEP ON** \_\_\_\_\_  
“You must keep on believing the things you have been taught. You know they are true.” 2 Timothy 3:14 (TLB)

# TRUST

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*"Even when I am afraid, I keep on trusting you."* Psalm 56:3 (CEV)

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### TWO OF THE WORDS THAT SUMMARIZE JESUS' MESSAGE ARE:

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Jesus: "If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens, come to me and I will give you rest. Take the yoke I give you. Put it on your shoulders and learn from me. I am gentle and humble, and you will find rest. This yoke is easy to bear, and this burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30 (CEV)

Jesus: "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." Luke 7:50 (NIV)

"Faith that doesn't lead us to do good deeds is all alone and dead!"  
James 2:17 (CEV)

### DARING FAITH IS ABOUT A PARTY THAT WILL LAST FOREVER:

"A man prepared a great feast and sent out many invitations. When all was ready, he sent his servant around to notify the guests that it was time for them to arrive. But they all began making excuses. One said he had just bought a field and wanted to inspect it, and asked to be excused. Another said he had just bought five pair of oxen and wanted to try them out. Another had just been married and for that reason couldn't come. The servant returned and reported to his master what they had said. His master was angry and told him to go quickly into the streets and alleys of the city and to invite the beggars, crippled, lame, and blind. But even then, there was still room. 'Well, then,' said his master, 'go out into the country lanes and out behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full. For none of those I invited first will get even the smallest taste of what I had prepared for them.'" Luke 14:16-24 (TLB)

### During the Next 3 Years of Daring Faith. . . WHERE ARE WE GOING?

#### 1. WE ARE GOING TO \_\_\_\_\_

"Go to the Lord for help, and worship him continually."  
1 Chronicles 16:11 (GNT)

"Those people who go to the Lord for help will have every good thing."  
Psalm 34:10 (ICB)

"He helps them and rescues them; he saves them from the wicked, because they go to him for protection." Psalm 37:40 (GNT)

#### 2. WE ARE GOING TO \_\_\_\_\_

"(Paul & Barnabas) strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. 'We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.'" Acts 14:22 (NIV)

"I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News . . . Don't be intimidated in any way by your enemies . . . For you have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him. We are in this struggle together . . . Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose." Philippians 1:27-2:2 (NLT)

"We must support believers who go on trips like this so that we can work together with them in spreading the truth." 3 John 1:8 (GW)

#### 3. WE ARE GOING TO \_\_\_\_\_

"Let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity." Hebrews 6:1 (NIV)

"The more you go on in this way, the more you will grow strong spiritually and become fruitful and useful to our Lord Jesus." 2 Peter 1:8 (TLB)

"Anyone who fails to go after these additions to faith is blind indeed, or at least very shortsighted and has forgotten that God delivered us from the old life of sin so that now he can live a strong, good life for the Lord." 2 Peter 1:9 (TLB)

#### 4. WE ARE GOING TO \_\_\_\_\_

"Anyone who asks the Lord for help will be saved. But before people can trust in the Lord, they must believe in him. And before they can believe in him, they must hear about him. And to hear about him someone must tell them. And before someone can go and tell them, he must be sent. It is written, 'How beautiful is the person who comes to bring good news.'"

Romans 10:13-15 (ICB)

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8 (NLT)

Jesus: "Let the spiritually dead bury their own dead! Your duty is to go and preach about the Kingdom of God." Luke 9:60 (NLT)