

Day 40

Hello, I'm Denise, Pastor here at CLC. Can you believe it,...we are at Day 40 of this 40 day adventure of cultivating a greater hunger and thirst for God and His ways. I hope this journey has opened a fresh new chapter in your walk with God and in your faith towards God.

Emily Dickenson once stated, "Faith is the pierless bridge supporting what we see unto the scene that we do not"

As we leave this season of fasting and prayer, my hope is that your faith is more postured to respond to the words of Jesus in the hour we live. In Mark 15:15-20

¹⁵He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. ¹⁶Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well." ¹⁹After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. ²⁰Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.

"Faith" is an *attribute* that shapes who we are; it is a *tool* that enables what we do; and it's a *powerful force* that releases the life and heart of God into our midst.

As this 40-day focus is coming to a close, our journey to *Hunger and Thirst for His righteousness* continues; because "faith" has a mission to bring heaven on earth.

Faith causes us to "*come*" to a gracious God and receive of His goodness and kindness. But once we have tasted and seen that He is good, true faith causes us to "*go*" and fulfill the mission that faith was destined to fulfill.

Faith's purpose was and is always to "*go*" and impact a world with the good news of Christ; because faith's purpose is to empower people to be transformed into the likeness of Christ and to manifest the goodness of God to a dying world. But, to "*go*" will be the most *faith* filled *act* one will ever commit to do.

In order to "*go*", you will have to make a decision; a decision to *forge ahead* in the darkness to bring the light. You will have to conquer the fleshly desires and distractions that will try to capture you. You will have to decide to push past all the fears and the failures that would hold you back. You will have to push past the reasoning of the world that would try to defy heavens wisdom.

Faith, it releases a grace to “*come,*” so we can “*go.*” As you are **pressing into your relationship with God, it will take faith. Faith to respond and faith to obey.** Faith was never intended to remain in a place of passive complacency, because faith is an action that is driven by a mission. Therefore “*go*” in His grace until you have finished faith’s race.” Faith will propel you to receive the new in all God has called you to do.

I want to commend you all for making this journey with us and conclude with these words from 2 tim 4:7

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Heavenly Father, I thank you for this season, where we have traveled together with your people may we not revert to the old but be a people who will continue to press into an ever growing relationship with you. Seal the work you have done in our lives that others might see you in us. In Jesus Name we ask, AMEN