Fear or Faith Part 2 One Foot in Front of the Other

<u>Mark 11:22-24 (NKJV)—</u>So Jesus answered and said to them, <u>"Have faith in God</u>. 23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. 24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you desire when you pray, <u>believe</u> that you receive them, and you will have them.

Faith is **KNOWING** God will do exactly what He said He would do.

What we know doesn't profit us until we put it in **motion**.

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the **substance** of things hoped for, the **evidence** of things not seen.

What you believe about God is what you will experience from God.

We act like what we believe to be true.

• When you believe it, you will see it

James 2:17 (NKJV)—Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works (action), is dead.

Faith that doesn't move isn't faith at all.

Having "faith in God" is ACTING like the Word of God is TRUE.

How can I "believe" more?

Galatians 5:6 (KJV)—faith (our ability to act like what God said is true) worketh (is fueled, energized) by love (agape).

- Knowing God increases your ability to believe God.
 - Romans 10:17 "faith comes by hearing."

What does it look like to ACT like what God has said to you is true?

Before we can "act" like what God said to us is true, we must know what God has said to us.

Romans 10:13-14 For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved." 14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?

God never asks you to take a leap of faith—He asks you to take a **step** of faith.

God accomplishes His purposes in your life one small step of faith at a time.

When we're only focused on the one giant miracle, it's easy to miss the one small step, and that step.

- God's "one small step" always looks like it's not connected to what we need.
- God works in order; He has a process, and that process is progressive.

<u>2 Corinthians 3:18 (AMP)</u> We are all being **progressively** transformed into His image from [one degree of] glory to [even more] glory

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The quality of your life is built upon how you **respond** to the step He has asked you to take.

- \rightarrow When we are unwilling to take our next step, we stall out.
- → We stay in the same frustrated place until we do what God asked us to do.

IMPORTANT * God leads us in STEPS, and steps take **TIME**.

Hebrews 6:11-12 (NKJV) And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, 12 that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

What is your step, and what have you done about it?