

## Clarifying God's Vision for Our Future

### Part 5—Faith That Holds When Life Shakes

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- The KJV was a collaborative, scholarly effort to create a definitive English Bible, leveraging existing translations and scholarship to achieve literary beauty and widespread adoption, marking a high point in English Bible translation history

*Hebrews 11:1—<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.* (NASB1995)

- Faith **IS ASSURANCE** (substance, KJV) of things hoped for, faith **IS** the **CONVICTION** (evidence, KJV) of things that you cannot see

#### 1. Faith Begins with **TRUST**, Not **SIGHT**.

*2 Corinthians 5:7—<sup>7</sup>For we walk by faith, not by sight.* (NKJV)

*2 Corinthians 5:7—<sup>7</sup>For we live by believing and not by seeing.* (NLT)

*Proverbs 3:5-6—<sup>5</sup>Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. <sup>6</sup>Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.* (NLT)

- Faith **STARTS** where certainty **ENDS**

- Faith isn't believing everything **WILL BE EASY**—it's believing **GOD IS LEADING**

#### 2. Faith Grows When It's **TESTED**.

- Faith isn't proven in **COMFORT**; it's proven in **PRESSURE**

*James 1:2-3—<sup>2</sup>Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup>because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.* (NIV)

*Romans 8:28—<sup>28</sup>And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.* (NIV)

*1 Peter 1:6-7—<sup>6</sup>In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup>These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.* (NIV)

- If your faith is being **TESTED**, it's because it's being **TRAINED**

#### 3. Faith Moves Us to **ACTION**.

- Biblical faith is never **PASSIVE** . . . it always leads to **OBEDIENCE**—oftentimes before **UNDERSTANDING**

*James 2:17—<sup>17</sup>So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.* (NLT)

*Ephesians 2:8-9—<sup>8</sup>For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not by works, so that no one can boast.* (NIV)

*Hebrews 11:8—<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. (NIV)*

- Faith isn't just something you **FEEL**—it's something you **LIVE**

*Hebrews 10:23—<sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. (NKJV)*

### **Action Steps . . .**

- Rest your full weight on God
- Trust Him with your future