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Part 1

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Philippians 1:1-6, “Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”

May the Lord add His Blessing to the Reading and the Hearing of His Word today, in Jesus Name! Amen!

A Journey of Faith / Where do I go from here? / I'm saved, now what?

1. When We come to Faith in Christ, We must Adhere to the Reality that our Faith is to be Developed!

a. The Book of Romans 12:3-5, ³“For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”

b. Here are a few thoughts about Faith:

i. Faith is the journey; not the destination

ii. Our faith is to be developed; it is not finalized at the beginning but rather at the end.

iii. Our journey of faith leads us to our destination and is not the destination itself.

c. We must remember that our Faith is to be Developed and Tended too!

2. When We fully Step into the Faith of Christ Jesus, We must

Transition from being a Convert and Embrace becoming a Disciple!

a. Acts 2:40-47, “⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. ⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.”

b. Here are some Thoughts on Conversion and Discipleship:

- i. Believing in the Message is Conversion but Discipleship is Devoting oneself to the Teachings of Christ

- ii. Regrettably it seems that Discipleship is the lost art of Christianity; Conversion is embracing the Message but Discipleship is personally applying the teachings of Jesus to your life!
 - iii. Conversion is embracement of the message but discipleship is immersion into the message
 - iv. Discipleship is the application of the disciplines that learn as tenants of our faith
- c. Remember today that When We fully Step into the Faith of Christ Jesus, we must Transition from being a Convert and Embrace becoming a Disciple!

3. When We Place our Reliance upon Christ, We Must be Willing to Endure the Development of Faith!

- a. Hebrews 11:1-16, “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. ⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his

gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵ By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”

b. Closing thoughts on the Development of Faith:

- i. The Development of Faith requires Seasons of Pain and Seasons of Joy; Faith is not synonymous with all being well all the time.**
- ii. Faith is just as much about Trusting the Word of God as much as Trusting the Spirit of God!**
- iii. The Seasons of Faith allow us to see the attributes of God come to fruition; His Name is tied to His Eternal ability!**

c. Remember that when We Place our Reliance upon Christ, We Must be Willing to Endure the Development of Faith!