

HAVE FAITH IN GOD

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In the days of centuries ago, when the one altogether lovely walked among men, and taught them with a very real authority, he bade the fruitless fig tree bear fruit no more, in order that his disciples might see, in a most unusual way, the tremendous power of faith. The next day, returning by the same way, there disciples marveled when they saw that the fig tree withered and died. Now, in order that the glimpse they had had, as thru a partly opened door, might become a prophecy of compassionate miracles done in the love of men, such as could be wrought by the hand of the Lord thru their ministry, He said unto them HAVE FAITH IN GOD!

From that time to this your day, it has been asked what is this faith by which great works and miracles may be wrought, blessing mankind in his upward reach, and glorifying the Eternal giver of perfect gifts. Saints have tried to sound the depths of its meaning and power. Philosophers have tried to define it. Yet, in its deeper manifestations the understanding of faith, has been hidden from the minds of men.

There are many reasons why this understanding has been withheld from general comprehension of mankind. The eyes of the sons and daughters of men have been blinded, as tho a heavy veil were hung before their eyes by Him who would deceive all the world, and consequently they cannot behold the deep things of the Spirit. It ought to be immediately apparent that only those who have been made holy by the transforming power of Christ, by His way of life, and by the gracious gift of His Spirit, may even begin to apprehend the breadth of all that is involved in this word faith. Not very many have come to such transformation, so that the lead of the worldly and the ordinary has been transmitted into the gold of high spiritual development. Moreover, if men in their unredeemed state of mind and spirit, were to have opened to them the doors to deepest understanding of all that is possible thru faith, they would use their perception selfishly, or to gain power over the souls of men, or even to destroy themselves, even as they now bid fair to do by their discovery of some of the creative processes of the Eternal Father.

Nevertheless, in this day of wickedness and of onrushing judgment; in this day when dark clouds of a great storm are about to deluge the world--a storm far worse than any cyclone, or hurricane can ever be; in this day when all sinister forces of the adversary are being marshalled, to overcome the Son of God, to banish the forces and even the

idea of righteousness to overthrow the Church of the living Christ--even in this day of catastrophic crisis, your heavenly Father who has foreseen these things, not only forewarns you, but would have the pleading entreaty of His Spirit work in you as a very powerful leaven, making over your lives until you become very much more Christlike, noble and unselfish, so, that, being thus, He might open the windows of Heaven unto you. You would thus be enabled to comprehend the deep things of the Spirit and to have great faith.

Thus, thru you, God may have compassion on the world. Thru you, as instruments in the hands of One who is skilled as no man, no leader, no statesman is skilled, many mighty works shall be done. In particular the One most High desires that the men of His priesthood shall become men of mighty faith.

First and foremost, then, all you who would respond to the admonition of the Master, to have faith in God, and all you who would listen to the pleading of His Spirit--make your life like Christ's; be unselfish, be sympathetic to the higher needs of men, be compassionate; love all men; especially those in need; withdraw from the sins and littleness of worldliness; live on high levels of prayer, of desires, of concern, of purpose and of spiritual experience. It is only unto such that your Heavenly Father can begin to open the door to all that was in the mind of Jesus when He said to the disciples of long ago, when He said to the ages, and as He even now would say to you--HAVE FAITH IN GOD--HAVE GREAT FAITH IN GOD!

Now lest any misunderstand and fail to comprehend, let it be stated in all plainness---Only those whose lives have become very holy, very noble, very pure, very intelligent in their grasp of spiritual truths, very unselfish, great in their love for the Eternal Father and for their fellow man--only such can possibly be blessed of the Lord in the exercise of the higher powers of faith.

What is faith?

Let Him who would understand faith try to define it. It ought to be apparent that such definition is necessary. It ought also to be apparent that your definition of today will not be as penetrating in its insight as that which will be possible to be enlarged vision, such as will come to you if you seek for it.

Faith is many things. It is to move forward in all ways of life strongly confident that results will follow because we are cooperating with the laws of nature which are the laws

of its creator. It is thus that a farmer plants his seed.

Faith is to reach toward spiritually inspired or well reasoned goals. It is also experimental trial or effort to prove the truth of concepts perceived. Thus a scientist moves into the unknown, and thus an Isaiah trusts himself on the frontiers of prophetic experience.

Faith is to be completely assured in the reality of the unseen, not however without evidence that the unseen prevails, even as a grain of sand testifies of its creator, and an inconceivably vast universe declares that God lives.

Faith is to have complete trust in the promises of the Lord and to press on in confidence that the declared results will follow, just as a child relies on the word of its parents.

Faith is to so transform yourselves that you share the Spirit of God, and being on this elevated level of perception of what is right, you can wisely use spiritual enabling and creative power with Christ the Son. Thus are the eyes of the blind opened, the ears of the deaf unstopped, the dumb made to speak or even at times the dead are raised.

WHO CAN AND WHO OUGHT TO HAVE FAITH?

Your loving Father, He who would preserve you and save you, intends that all men shall have faith. While it is sometimes true that men have this quality of mind and spirit as a gift, yet even these, along with the great mass of men and women not so gifted, may increase the strength and the power of their faith.

In the great reserves of divine truth and enlightenment, there is that which will guide those just venturing forth on the journey of faith. There is also that which will sustain and open up ever widening areas of comprehension to those who have gone far on the journey. There is that which the simplest can use. There is that which will astound the most intelligent scientist. There is that which will delight those of greatest spirituality. Is it not written the glory of God is intelligence?

Consider then and let all try to understand, from the simplest to the complex, such truth as may be opened up unto you. The rewards of such effort will never be disappointing. The rewards of earnest, humble effort shall be gladness and joy.

Here, then, are ways to the development of greater faith.

WAY NO.1.

Earnestly and reverently try to become increasingly holy in thought, in desires, in every aspect of life.

WAY NO.2.

Treat your desires to believe and grow in faith, as you would a seed. Some of the inspired servants of the Eternal One, in the records of past have compared the beginnings of belief and faith to the planting of seeds.

This is truly an inspired illustration, beautiful in its simplicity, fruitful in the likenesses it suggests, and profound in insights and the avenues to understanding it opens in the minds of all who seek.

Does not your very life depend on someone or some force planting the seeds that bring forth the foods that you use to sustain life? Are there not an immense variety of vegetables, many wholesome grains and many delicious fruits which supply and meet your hunger, which give you health and which delight you by their profusion, their shapes, their tastes and even their colors?

Be profoundly assured that the yields of the planted seeds of faith are even more marvelous, for, whereas the yield of earthly seeds is but for the day or the year, that which comes from the planting of faith endures forever, making you strong in spirit and bringing you delight and joy. Also, are not your gardens, your windows, and many parts of your homes made attractive and lovely by many flowers whose colors far exceed the bright hues of the rainbows which arch across the skies? And is it not true that their kind and variety man can scarcely number? Even so may the seeds of faith flower into characters and lives of scintillating beauty, into profound insights and so into power to inspire the souls of men. Still further, are not your eyes enthralled with the beauty of the spreading forests, which grow from such small seeds? Do you not find rest in the shade of these trees, and do they not supply the lumber to build your homes? Even so, shall you find abiding comfort beneath the protection that trees from the seeds of faith shall throw across your way, and as well therefore shall come from your Eternal abode!

Well then did Alma say to the Ancient People of this your land; if you desire to believe treat that desire as a planted seed. Plant it in good soil, water it, keep the weeds away,

see that it gets sunlight, fertilize it, dig about it, even as you would a seed of grain, or of a flower, or the acorn of a tree.

Well also did One much greater than Alma say that if men had faith as a mustard seed they could do mighty things.

WAY NO. 3.

Associate yourself with those who have great faith. Can anyone gain faith in the Eternal One by frequenting gatherings of atheists, or can anyone build up his confidence in Eternal rightness and goodness by consorting with those who deny the validity of such? Who has ever climbed to heights of saintliness by association with those who are evil, or who has ever made himself Christlike by partaking of the wickedness of Babylon? No one ever has, and through countless ages no one ever will.

If, therefore, you would increase your faith, constantly associate yourself with people of greater faith. That is why men are called from every walk of life to be ministers, to be men of faith, to be examples of what men can be and ought to be. When the light of the King of Kings unmistakably shines out through the lives of ministers and spirits, then those who are heirs of salvation are inspired by what they see and hear and experience. The weak are thus made strong, they are built up in faith, and they press into the Kingdom.

It is in association together that saints become more saintly. That is why you are admonished to meet together often. In these meetings together if those who are as sheep of the fold, are really to grow in faith, God's servants must keep them on a high level of spiritual insight and experience. Admonition, exhortation, challenges, the expression of good thoughts, the speaking forth of holy desires, each have their place, but woe to that congregation where such is the only food offered to build their souls in greater faith. There needs to be often strong testimonies of rich experiences of divine guidance and providence. Where such vivid, outstanding, faith inspiring experiences are lacking that congregation is not living close enough to their Heavenly Leader, who is always gracious and anxious to bless His people.

In order that the meeting together of His saints may be especially and particularly inspiring as well as faith building, the Lord even your God has placed spiritual gifts in the church. When you see and hear and experience these gifts, presented under the lovely, purifying glow of spiritual light, and with a deep and sound content of thought, you know you

are listening to the prophetic voice of the Eternal Shepherd of your souls. You rejoice just in meeting with each other, but you find hope and faith and even Eternal Life, when you meet with the Lord!

This faith building through association may be and ought to be part of an expanding experience in your daily contacts with one another. Visit often with those in whom faith dwells, counsel with your patriarchs or deeply spiritual ministers concerning the development of greater faith. Visit often with those in whom faith dwells, counsel with your patriarchs or deeply spiritual ministers concerning the development of greater faith. Visit often the homes of your brothers and sisters, not only claiming the bounty of their experience, but sharing your own as well, for both the taking in and the pouring out are part of the process by which faith increases.

This faith expanded association can even be with those who have passed from this life. In the scriptures, in books, in Heralds, in Autumn Leaves and in letters are innumerable instances of testimonies borne while saints and prophets yet lived on this earth. As you shall search for these it is as if you were mingling with them, in life. More than this, if you will receive it, and if the character of your life warrants it, God will bless with the ministry of angels. The Three Nephites and John the beloved, whom God has permitted to tarry will yet appear to many, especially when there is great need, or when such visitation will bring power to reach the souls of men. Even beyond this, the Lord has permitted ministering spirits from Paradise, or from that glorious realm where he dwells, to appear to those who are heirs of salvation. This the Lord can do actually, as with John the Isle of Patmos, or such may be part of marvelous, revealing, faith building dreams and visions.

Neglect then at your peril, wide and inclusive association as a means of building your faith, availing yourself of that which can come to you through association, you shall find it better than the most wonderful gold mine ever known. Truly He who loves you waits to bless you and lift you up.

WAY NO.4.

KNOW WHAT HAS BEEN DONE BY FAITH.

Great faith has enabled those who love the Lord to triumph over great difficulties, and to do many mighty works. That triumph and these works have concerned a well nigh infinite variety of human experience. The knowledge of many of these may be had by searching. If you do not become aware of these high examples of Heavenly blessing, you are left to

build your faith on the narrowness of individual experience.

The faith builder, then, will find great profit in carrying on a search for these experiences, which are of far greater value than the most precious nuggets or the finest of sparkling jewels. This search for the record of the experiences of those who have had a very strong trust in the Lord will do a great deal for you. It will disclose the wide range of situations in which faith has moved. You will read the history of marvelous things done by faith. You will thrill many times by the glory of that which has been done. You will inevitably find motivation to proceed in like ways yourself. You will mount up to a reverent admiration for the Supreme One, and be made to glorify Him for the wondrous expressions of His providential care. They shall be as were the Ebenezers to ancient Israel, all along the way of your life. Even in your day of trial you will find comfort and faith in remembering the experiences of those of the past who have had abiding trust in the Holy One of Israel.

All this was in the mind of the Apostle as he wrote the 11 Chapter of Hebrews. In it, he set down a long list of outstanding experiences for all to read. Now, in this day when books and records abound, the field of research is much wider than then, and an exquisite field of delight awaits your venturing forth as in journeys of discovery. Like as explorers of an earlier day found great spreading lands and vast forests and lovely mountains, so shall you find spiritual areas far above the contemporary life of the world, and even far above the life of easy going saints who care not to go beyond the bounding hills of average experiences.

By thus searching, and recording in a notebook or storing in your mind, you become a collector, not of stamps or bits of pottery or old pieces of furniture, but rather of inspiring instances of what faith has done for those who love the Lord.

WAY NO. 5.

SET PROJECTS OF EFFORT WHICH REQUIRES FAITH TO ACHIEVE

It is the tendency of humanity to relegate consideration of the deeper aspects of religion to the realm of thinking or to the sermons and classes of the Sabbath Day. It is so much easier to dwell in the world of ideas or engage in prolonged meditation than it is to apply in every day living. That is why James the Apostle wrote so bluntly, 'Faith without works is dead.'

The higher levels and experiences of faith can only be gained as you shall become a co-laborer together with your

Eternal Father in working out His supremely worthwhile goals. He, then, who shall have come this far in His journey of understanding, must if he would go still further, set projects in application of the faith he has already found. Such projects should be increasingly above the easy, the ordinary, or that which is already the level of your experience. They should not however, be so far above that level that courage may fail because of the difficulties of the way or because of strong opposition of the adversary than you are able to meet.

How may these projects be formulated? Base them on your development and needs and the needs of others about you. The Kingdom tarries long because men do not try very hard to bring it to pass. Surely by thinking, by using your powers of imagination, by counseling with those able to advise, many projects of faith will suggest themselves.

The Scriptures are a never ending source of suggestions. Consider just the Beatitudes. Have you proved that by being poor in spirit, relying on Christ's way of life rather than on your own, that yours is the kingdom of Heaven? Have you, in the hour of numbing sorrow turned to God in all confidence and found your heart comforted? Have you been meek when it has been difficult to be meek, or have you been meek in the highest sense of the term, and have you found that you increasingly inherit the very best of the earth? Have you hungered and thirsted after righteousness enough so that you have been filled with the Holy Ghost. Have you been merciful and proven the fruits of mercy? Have you increasingly been pure in heart, becoming free from the lusts of the world, and therefore you have seen God more clearly? Have you proven the rewards of the peacemakers? In the scripture may be found projects of faith to fill a lifetime.

Beyond all this, your Heavenly Father does not ask you to walk alone in your upward journey of faith. He sees the weakness, the strength, the degree of consecration of talents and powers, the outreach of love for humanity, and the elastic limits of endurance of each one. He is willing to let the light and the glory of His Spirit shine on your journey of life, if you make it possible for him to do so. Did not the Lord see in Saul of Tarsus vastly greater possibilities and concerns than were evident as Saul journeyed to Damascus to persecute the Saints? Notwithstanding the brightness and the vividness of His spiritual experience, and the vision of his life spent in the service of Him who he had hated, he was not immediately able to leave off the old and put on the new. He was blind for the time. He had to suffer the humbling yet enabling effect of persecution. He had to dwell in the desert

alone thinking and praying his way through prophetic understanding, before he could be changed from Saul the persecutor of the Saints to Paul the Apostle to the Gentiles. Yet, behold how marvelous were the results from Jerusalem to farthest Spain, because God opened up a very great project of faith to him!

Oh My people, how great, how wonderful, how effective your life can be, too, if you will seek the guiding hand of the All-wise, Far Sighted, Loving and Compassionate One, He who would lift up all mankind, if they would and could only hear his voice. Be not impatient while you are being made over enen as Paul was made over. Let your concern be that you are placing yourself truly in the hands of the Eternal Father and that you are earnestly seeking the light of His Spirit. Then in the great Father's own due time, you shall, like Paul, return to a newness of life, to a larger usefulness in his service, to a life of spiritual elevation and power, and to an enlarging on going transformation of yourself that shall delight your very soul. and that shall also be very pleasing to the Good Shepherd of your soul. Surely, the time has come for the saints of these last days to rise up as they have not yet arisen, that they may become as instruments of very great power in the hands of the Almighty One, as His servants and His people shall go forth to bind up the law and seal up the testimony for the last time, when all nations, kindreds, tongues and peoples shall hear his voice, even as the prophets have long foretold. Through you He would overcome the works of the Devil, so dreadfully apparent in all the world. Through you He would prepare Zion as an inspiration to the sons and daughters of men and as a haven to His people.

The Heavenly Father pleads with you then to daily set projects of effort and of faith that shall make your life clean. Will you not in this way of faith consecrate yourself to all that is best? Will you not try and try until you learn how to open the door to your heart that the Lord by His gentle Spirit may enter in and sup with you?

WAY NO.6.

Faith and Power to perform miracles can only come to those who are profoundly spiritual, and therefore keenly sensitive to the mind of the Holy Spirit.

Miracles are marvelous works done by God's servants, or by His intervention in the affairs of men, that are so far above extraordinary experiences that they seem beyond the realm of law and understanding.

It was miraculous when the hosts of Assyria were slain in the night. It was a miracle when the fig tree withered at the word of Jesus. Likewise it is much above the ordinary when the blind are made to see, when the ears of the deaf are unstopped, when the lame are made to walk, and when those far gone with terrible diseases are restored to perfect health.

Some of the greatest things achieved by faith in the love and power of your Heavenly Father are few and far between, so far indeed that centuries of time elapse between them. All these miraculous manifestations are rare, much rarer than they need be, if men of the Priesthood, in particular understood the higher laws and conditions and attainments that make such experiences possible.

It is most important that men, called after the Holy Order of the Son of God, shall come to understand how they may use this great power to do miraculous works--faith to do mighty things; faith to heal the worse of diseases and afflictions; faith to attempt difficult things; faith to quiet the seas and the elements; faith to command the forces of nature; faith to rebuke the armies of the nations; faith to nullify terrible instruments or missiles of destruction; faith to stand off or to overcome the raging power of satanic forces; faith to stand on very great heights of spiritual development and communion with the Eternal One!

Now, as to how this greater power of faith works, and as to how it may be gained and used, is most difficult to describe. This is one of the mysteries of the Kingdom seldom opened up to the mind of man, and then usually in part, as now. Furthermore, because of earthly limitations of personality as well as because of the limitations of language, it is difficult for anyone, even under divine enlightenment, to find words to express that truth that is perceived so that others may understand. Ordinarily, this enlarging comprehension is a matter of slow growth, but it will come to those who truly seek for it. Be assured, however, that under conditions of great need, such as shall shortly come upon the earth, your Heavenly Father, the Great Creator of all things, can speed up the processes of growth and enlightenment concerning these deep affairs of the Spirit. Also be assured as well as admonished that this development can only come to those who are very deeply concerned, and who without self-seeking, desire to glorify the Supreme One and to bring spiritual and temporal salvation to His people. Even further than this, because of the very great needs of those days yet to come, your loving Father in Heaven pleads with His people and His priesthood to become thus deeply concerned that He may open up these things to them and empower them, and that thus His people shall be preserved.

Unto all, then, who would respond to this pleading and who yearn to enter into an expanding vision and understanding, consider just a glimpse of how this great power of faith can do such marvelous things. It is in the Word of the Lord that the keys to the beginning of understanding are found. In the morning time of creation, as expressed at the opening of the Bible, it is written that God's Holy Ghost moved on all things, and therefore out of formlessness came form, out of chaos came order, out of darkness came light, and forth from the life of God came the life of man.

To the latter day Prophet came the revelation that identified this vast creative power with the Holy Ghost, saying that this power or Spirit or light proceeds forth from the presence of the Creator to fill the immensity of space; that this light is in all things, give life to all things, and is the law by which all things are governed; that the sun and earth and moon and the multitude of heavenly bodies were created by this Power and Spirit and Light; that it is this Spirit and Light which opens the eyes of man that he may see the truth that centers in God and thereby have His understanding quickened. Still further, that all parts of this spreading, on-going creation are governed by law, and that every law has its bounds and conditions thus enabling and making possible a change when a superseding law or force comes into operation. That to prevail, all beings must abide in the bounds and conditions of these laws (i.e. both lower and higher), and that therefore the intelligence of man must cleave to the intelligence of his Creator and receive of His wisdom. To him was given also to know, with the finest of prophetic insight, that the glory of God is intelligence, or in other words light and trust, and because of this He comprehends all things, all things are before Him, all things are round about Him, He is in all things, through all things, above all things, and all things are by Him and of Him, even God, forever and ever.

This insight of the prophet gives more than a glimpse into the mystery of how the Almighty, responding to the higher exercise of faith here on earth, can bring about such amazing results. Is it not clear, that at the center of all things, all creation, is God; that He is gloriously intelligent, marvelously wise, infinitely loving, and eternal in existence? Also, that at His side stands Jesus Christ as His co-laborer in eternal goodness, and as His co-creator of earths, of planetary systems, of galaxies, and of stupendous systems of galaxies? Still further, that radiating out from their presence and extending into the depths of infinite space, is a power compared to light, symbolized by light, and in the nature of light, even as men of science have since partially perceived and continue to discover; and this light is both a creating and contributing force, or power, or means by which the infinitely extending works of the Eternal One are brought to pass?

The deepest insight of all, to you who would have great faith, is that the Holy Ghost and this power symbolized by light are one. Thus, this Spirit, under the supremely intelligent direction of the Father and the Son, moves upon that which is material or may become material, in the depths and vastness of unlimited space, and there upon suns and stars and systems of most astounding size and complexity are born. Spirit directed by an intelligent wisdom somehow using laws unknown to the mind of man, is superior to matter, and can therefore shape matter or reshape matter according to the desire and ultimate sense of rightness and fitness in Him whom you reverently call God, who is at the center of all things.

It thus becomes apparent, that of all the ways or means that may be used to develop and exercise the kind of faith Jesus had in mind in the miracles of the blighted fig tree, the most important, the most necessary above all, is that men may be spiritual, that through mighty prayer they shall have the Spirit, and that therefore they shall be keenly perceptive of that which is the will and wisdom of Him who is altogether gracious and compassionate. Thus, those who are profoundly spiritual, and knowing that which is pleasing in the sight of the Lord, are permitted to be focal instruments in expression of the tremendous powers of light and of Spirit which radiate out from the Supreme One, who is in the heart of eternity. Then is fulfilled the declaration of the prophet Joseph--He that asketh in Spirit--asketh according to the will of God, wherefore it is done even as He asketh.

To all then who would come up into this great faith, let this concept stand out clearly in your minds--profoundly spirituality places God's servants in the condition of utmost and highest elevation, wherein they under God and in the name of Jesus Christ, become co-users of creative powers, the extent of which the words marvelous and stupendous do not even begin to describe.

There are no words to express the yearning on the part of your Heavenly Father that His servants and His people shall use all possible ways to develop their faith, and that they shall climb to the mountain top of Spiritual elevation and experience. It is only thus that the church on earth shall come to that glorious time of endowment long envisioned, and to that time of mighty exercise of faith when the world shall know and other churches shall know that God indeed has residence below, with His ministry and people.

DO THE SAINTS OF THIS DAY NEED TO HAVE GREAT FAITH?

Ask yourselves this question in the utmost, of soberness, assured that your answer will add to or subtract on the balances as each are weighed in the great day of accounting, that day of judgment which is to come.

Do you believe the word of the Lord to the extent that you are fully consecrated? Do you stand on high levels of spiritual life, in order that you may adequately disclose the glory of a lovely saintly life to a world becoming increasingly sinful? Do you love the ideal of Zion enough to give yourself and your all to its further building? In this day when little time is left, have you come out from the world, even from the ways of Babylon which shall fall? Has the prophetic light from the Lord shone on your pathway so that you see how to move forward into a fuller realization of rich and abundant life? Have you perceived under the light of inspiration and revelation, the characteristics of the time yet ahead, how that they shall try man's souls, and how trouble on every hand shall so greatly disturb that the ways of life as you now know them shall change to ways of commotion, or how that under the stress of political, economic and moral corruption, and under the fearful scourge of awful warfare, men's hearts shall fail them and they shall give way to forces of evil and do devilish things? Can you say that these things cannot happen in this good land, while at the time you know they have happened and are happening even now in other lands? Is America so righteous that it can be spared the terrific judgments of the Almighty, as Gentile times shall come to a close? Has this, your America, opened its heart to the marvelous work and wonder, even the Church restored in these last days? Does the higher righteousness of the Eternal One, so much different than the righteousness of the world, find place in the life of this year and day? How can you say that dreadful things cannot happen here when in the hands of your own nation, and in the hands of other nations under the evil sway of communism, there are even now instruments of warfare with enormous powers of destruction, and even widespread annihilation, deliverable to almost any place on earth?

Have you faith that will not fail when conditions much more difficult than those which beset the pioneer of this land, shall come upon you? Can you stand up fearlessly, as servants and people of your Great Father when times shall come in which it shall appear to you that He has forsaken the more righteous cause of the So-called democratic nations and evil shall appear to triumph? Can you be loyal to Christ when it may cost your life to be loyal? Can you hold on when it shall seem that God has forsaken you, even as He seemed to have forsaken Christ on Calvary?

Have you faith now to prepare for these conditions? Will you be prepared to help thousands and tens of thousands who will need help? Will you be prepared to hold aloft the banner of hope to all who will repent? Will you seek the Lord in ways that will make Him glad to endow His ministry? Ask yourself these questions, let them and others come before your mind often, that the proud spirit of man may be humbled, that you may seek the Holy One of Israel as never before, and that you shall increasingly grow in faith, ever coming to the time when you shall have achieved a very strong faith.

Your Eternal Father has waited and waited, and still waits for this great confidence and trust in Him to be achieved among you. All the while He longs to bless you with spiritual power and light such as you have not hitherto known, even such power and light as shall enable you to achieve the Zion out of which he can shine, even such endowment that the nations shall be threshed by the power of His Spirit!

The preceding is a gift of prophetic insight which came to me slowly while working in the Temple, during the summer of 1954, and over several weeks of time.

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Thru searching in the Scriptures, in Heralds, both old and new; in Autumn Leaves, or in any other possible way or source, find what has already been done in faith.

WAY NO.5.

Set projects of personal effort, which shall require the exercise of continuing and growing use of faith to achieve.

WAY NO.6.

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WAY NO.7.

As insights into truth, into personal needs, into collective needs, into the needs of the world, into the needs of the church, and into the needs of the times, shall come to you; set down these insights in what shall become an expanding list of imperatives, which, because of the very weight and burden of their necessity, will tend to build up a sense of great urgency within you, that you will grow in faith.

