

Learning To Walk By Faith – 3

“Expect The Best”

“Then He said to them, ‘Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ They immediately left their nets and followed Him.” Matthew 4:19-20 NKJV

“However, as it is written: ‘No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him’ — but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.” 1 Corinthians 2:9-10 NIV

God wants us to use our imagination to stretch our faith.

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us ...” Ephesians 3:20 NIV

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

How can I imagine that God could use me? (Joshua 1:1-11)

1. LET GO OF DOUBTS.

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9 NIV

“But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord.” James 1:6-7 NIV

What causes us to doubt?

- Comparison
- Past Failure
- Lack of confidence

2. LOOK FOR GOD’S PROMISE.

“I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses.” Joshua 1:3 NIV

“Now I am about to go the way of all the earth. You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the Lord your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed.” Joshua 23:14 NIV

3 promises to those who let God use them:

- Strength Joshua 1:5
- Success Joshua 1:7
- Support Joshua 1:9

“Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.” Joshua 1:9 NIV

3. LEAN ON JESUS.

“No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.” Joshua 1:5 NIV

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.” Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV

4. LAUNCH OUT **IN FAITH.**

"So Joshua ordered the officers of the people: 'Go through the camp and tell the people, "Get your supplies ready. Three days from now you will cross the Jordan here to go in and take possession of the land the Lord your God is giving you for your own.'" Joshua 1:10-11 NIV

"Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap."
Ecclesiastes 11:4 NIV

"You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did." James 2:22 NIV