

THE JUST SHALL LIVE
BY FAITH!



LIVING BY FAITH...

“The just shall live by faith.” - Romans 1:17; Hebrews 10:38

Most Christians have heard that phrase.
But what does it really mean?

Many don't realize the Bible even teaches it - let alone that God expects us to act on it. That's one of the main reasons we made this booklet.

ABOUT US

We are a Christian couple serving God full-time, preaching the Gospel, and quite literally living by faith - working for love, not for money.

Between us, we've spent over 25 years walking this path; and we've seen God provide again and again. Yet, in all our travels and missionary work, we've met very few who actually live this way. We now better appreciate why Jesus asked, “When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?” (Luke 18:8)

WHAT IS FAITH?

Before we go further, it's worth defining what the Bible actually means by faith.

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

In other words, real faith is rooted in what you cannot see. If you can see it, it doesn't require faith. That's important — especially when we talk about living by faith.

EXAMPLES WORTH FOLLOWING

Scripture gives us countless examples of faith in action — stories meant to inspire us to trust and obey God even when we don't see how He will work everything out. (Proverbs 3:5)

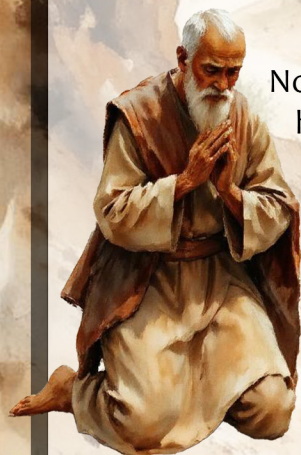
NOAH

Noah built a massive ark because God told him to, even though there was no sign of a flood. (Genesis 6 - 9) He trusted God's word, acted in obedience; and as a result, he and his family were saved.

That's faith - obedience that's not dependent on what one can see with human eyes.

ABRAHAM

Abraham is called the "father of faith" for good reason. (Romans 4:11) When God told him to leave his homeland for an unknown country, he went - without knowing where he was going or how he'd survive. (Genesis 12:1-4; Hebrews 11:8) He simply trusted God. And God counted that trust as righteousness. God is looking for individuals with that same sort of faith today.





WHAT DID JESUS SAY ABOUT FAITH?

The Old Testament gives us many examples, but as followers of Christ, our greatest model of faith comes from Jesus Himself.

In the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5 - 7), Jesus spoke words which define what living by faith really means.

“Look at the birds of the air; they don’t sow or reap or store away in barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them.” (Matthew 6:26)

“If God clothes the grass of the field... shall He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?” (Matthew 6:30)

Here, Jesus was addressing worry - specifically about clothing and basic survival. He told His followers not to be anxious about what they would eat, drink, or wear. (Matthew 6:31 - 32) Why? Because their heavenly Father already knew their needs.

Faith, then, is trusting that truth enough to rest in it. Not trusting a Babylonian system to care for our needs if we bow down to it in service. No, faith is trusting God to meet our needs as we serve Him.

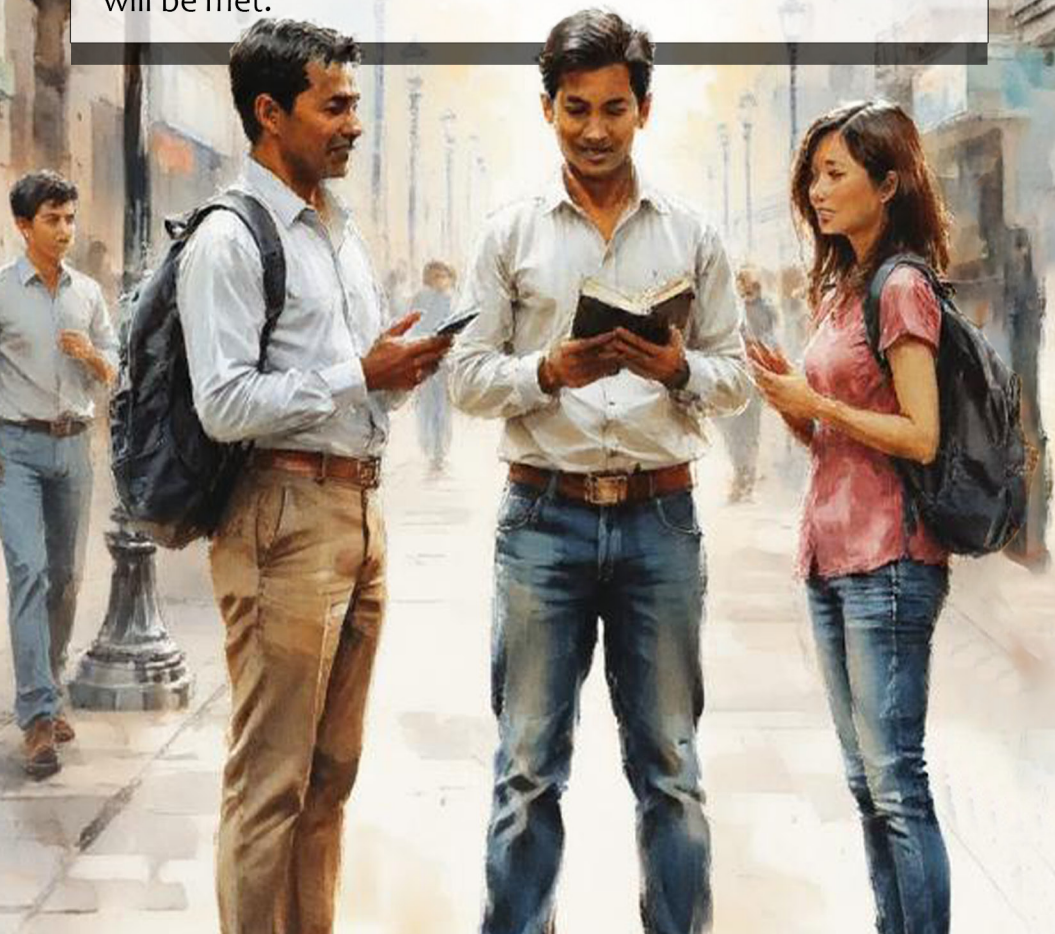
SO HOW WILL YOU EAT?

That's the question most of us naturally ask. It's one thing to have a theoretical "belief" that God provides; it's another to live like we believe it!

Jesus gave the answer in the very next verse:

“Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” (Matthew 6:33)

He didn't say, “Sit around and do nothing.” He said (paraphrase), use your time and energy - your life - to seek God's kingdom first; and then all your most basic needs will be met.



THE MONEY TRAP

The biggest obstacle keeping Christians from living by faith is money.

“The love of money is the root of all evil.”
(1 Timothy 6:10)

“You cannot serve God and mammon.”
(Matthew 6:24)

Many believers have more faith in their paycheck than in the God who raised Jesus from the dead. Yet money itself has no power - it can't feed you, clothe you, or give life.

God created the earth and everything in it. He doesn't need money in order to provide for his children.

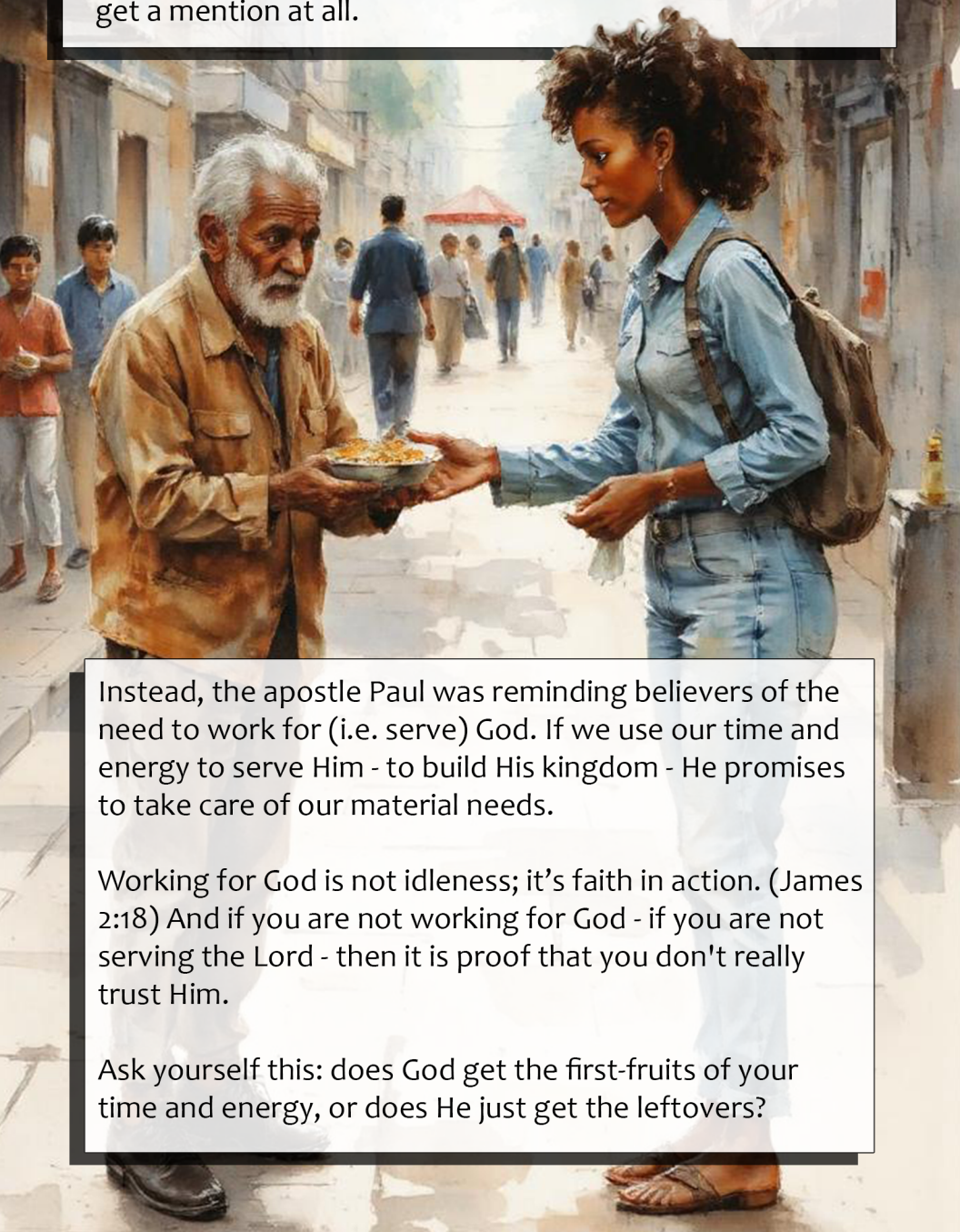
“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”
(Hebrews 13:8)

The promises of God haven't changed. The question is simply this: do we believe Him?



IF YOU DON'T WORK FOR MONEY... THEN WHAT?

Some people quote, "If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat." (2 Thessalonians 3:10) But notice - it doesn't say, "If anyone will not work for money." Money doesn't get a mention at all.



Instead, the apostle Paul was reminding believers of the need to work for (i.e. serve) God. If we use our time and energy to serve Him - to build His kingdom - He promises to take care of our material needs.

Working for God is not idleness; it's faith in action. (James 2:18) And if you are not working for God - if you are not serving the Lord - then it is proof that you don't really trust Him.

Ask yourself this: does God get the first-fruits of your time and energy, or does He just get the leftovers?

THE REAL WORK

Jesus said, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.” (Matthew 9:37 - 38)

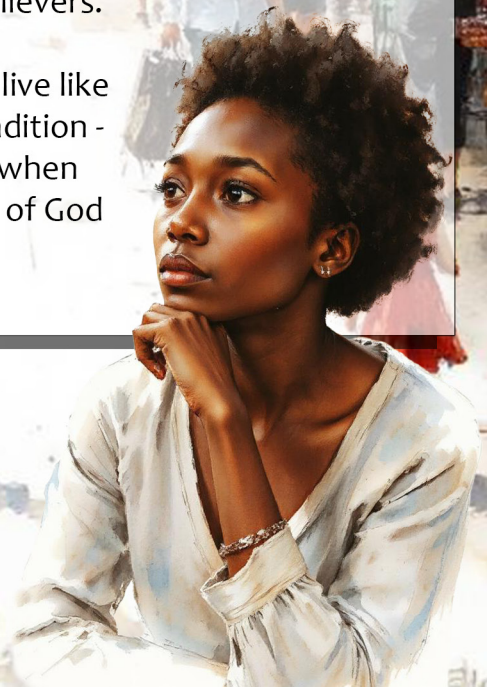
The world is full of people looking for love, healing, and hope - but there is a famine for people willing to labor for God. Everyone is too busy working for the food that perishes. (John 6:27)

When we look at what Jesus told His followers to do, much of it's surprisingly simple:

- Forsake what you have. (Luke 14:33)
- Preach the Gospel. (Mark 16:15)
- Make disciples. (Matthew 28:19)

This “Great Commission” wasn't given to a few select pastors - it was given to all believers.

So why don't most Christians live like this? Often, it's because of tradition - the kind Jesus warned about when He said, “You make the Word of God of no effect through your tradition.” (Mark 7:13)





THE NARROW WAY

Common sense might say, “If God really expected everyone to stop living for money, more people would do it.” But Jesus warned that the broad road leads to destruction, while the narrow path leads to life. (Matthew 7:13–14)

You can’t walk both paths. You can’t serve two masters. Trying to stay “safe” and lukewarm only leads to spiritual emptiness. (Revelation 3:15–16)

And remember, when Jesus returns, He won’t judge us by our comfort or “success”, but by what we’ve done with the time He’s given us. (2 Cor. 5:10) Whether or not we’ve been faithful, not ‘prosperous’. (Luke 12:42-43) Let that guide your decisions in all that you do on this planet.

There's much more that could be said, but our goal here is simple: to clear away centuries of tradition which have buried the teachings of the most powerful Teacher and Saviour in history - and to rediscover the treasure of His words. (Matthew 13:44-45)

We've seen God prove Himself faithful again and again as we've stepped out to trust Him, including forsaking everything to follow Christ. (Luke 14:33) And we've seen Him do the same for others who put His kingdom first.

If you'd like practical encouragement or guidance in living by faith, we'd love to help. You can reach us at this email address: reclaimingtheway146@gmail.com

Until then, keep listening for God's voice. As the world grows darker, hearing and obeying Him is more important than ever.

God bless!



KEY BIBLE VERSES FOR REFERENCE

- 1) You can't serve God and money. (Matthew 6:24)
- 2) Lukewarm faith makes Christ spew. (Revelation 3:15-16)
- 3) You must forsake all you have to be a Christian. (Luke 14:33)
- 4) A 'disciple' and a 'Christian' are the same thing. (Acts 11:26)
- 5) We'll all be judged by the words of Jesus one day. (John 12:48)
- 6) No matter what we give up for God, we'll get more in exchange... and eternal life. (Mark 10:29-30)
- 7) Only a fool would hear the words of Jesus, and ignore them. (Matthew 7:24-27)
- 8) The words of Jesus will never pass away. (Matthew 24:35)
- 9) You only need two or three people to have God's spirit. (Matthew 18:20)
- 10) It doesn't matter where we worship God. What matters is our attitude. (John 4:21-24)



We're living in crazy times. The world is changing faster than we can keep up.

Yet through it all, one thing - better said, One Being - never changes. And it's only in Him that we can truly place our hope.

The authors of this booklet have chosen to trust in that One - God - and to live by faith in Him.

If you too want to learn what it means to live by faith, then this booklet is for you!



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