

P U R S U I N G R I G H T E O U S N E S S

“ P r a y e r i s t h e k e y a n d f a i t h u n l o c k s t h e d o o r ”

“Now Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen, ...”

Hebrews 11: 1-40

Faith of Our Fathers

FAITH: a hot topic among today’s Christian society, everybody’s talking about faith. We have asked or have been asked questions like, do you have faith; do you have enough faith, or where is your faith? Our focus scripture this month provides us with at least four crucial keys as we pursue righteousness in our prayer life. (1) We should pray for the substance of faith; (2) pray for increased hope through faith; (3) pray for the evidence of faith; and (4) pray that the goal of your faith is manifested into reality in our life. Our focus scripture has been called by some the “Hall of Faith.” Using this reference, we have made the persons named there special people of faith. Somewhat like today’s “Hall of Fame” we honor these people for the contributions they’ve made to benefit our lives. However; the persons in the Hall of Faith, did not earn their induction by what they did, rather by what they had. They had faith, great faith perhaps, but faith none the less.

Jesus said, “If you have faith as a mustard seed, you shall say to this mountain, move from here to there, and it shall move; and nothing shall be impossible to you.” (*Matt. 17:20*) I like mustard seed faith. Most of the time when we speak of this passage, we focus only on the external size of the seed. However, Jesus’ message included far more. The external size is important, but the internal potential for greatness manifested through the mustard seed is the greater significance. Inside that small seed is the potential to be a great tree. (*Luke 13:19*) Inside that small seed are ingredients used both medicinally and culinary. Inside “mustard seed faith” is potential to move mountains, heal hurts and make life much sweeter.

Today we are witnesses of the faith of our fathers. That faith did in fact move mountains. By faith, father Abraham left the comforts of his father’s house to settle in a land he knew nothing about. By faith, father Joshua instructed the people to follow to the letter God’s instructions and the wall of Jericho came tumbling down. By faith, father Joseph did not put away privately his espoused wife, and Old Testament prophecy was fulfilled. By faith, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. believed in the words of our U.S. Constitution, now we enjoy a life style which at one time was only but a dream.

Good news fellow believers; it does not matter what I feel about my relationship with my dad. The fact is through him my hair has its characteristics. Through him my blood type is determined. Through him the majority factor which shapes my demeanor flows. As we pursue righteousness in our prayer lives this month, celebrate the faith of our fathers. As a child of the Most High God, you are entitled to a legacy of faith. The faith of our fathers has brought us a mighty long way. A song writer once said, “Momma may have; poppa may have, but God bless the child that has his own.”

((A church that prays together, grows in faith together))

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