

Hebrews 11:1 gives a definition of faith.

The Bible says, "We walk by faith not by sight" (see 2 Corinthians 5:7). It means taking steps of faith, even when things don't make sense...even when we don't see "the bigger picture."

1. A moment to trust God

Taking the step of faith is to move forward looking at Jesus and trusting him rather than blinded by our own emotion and stepping out randomly. Step of faith is not a display of courage but it's an outward expression of our inner surrender.

2. A choice between pride and humility

What this might look like in practice:

Think about a step of faith you want to take. Now ask yourself, "If I avoid or delay taking this step, will it protect my pride but cause me to miss out on God's best for me?"

3. A walk with Jesus ----- Matthew 14:28-29

Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said.

Walking in faith sometimes means doing things that don't make sense...or doing things we don't necessarily feel like doing. Faith looks at God's Word and says, "If God says it, then I believe it!

Taking the step of faith needs...

Taking the step of faith is to give up our own understanding and pride and to lean completely on to our creator. This needs Humility (surrender), Obedience, Patience, Perseverance and Sacrifice.

- Humility (Surrender)
- Obedience
- Patience
- Perseverance
- Sacrifice
- **Humility and Obedience**

Genesis 22 ----- Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?"

"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son."

- **Patience and Perseverance**

Hebrews 6:12 tells us we inherit God's promises "through faith and patience" Hebrews 12:1 goes on to say, ...let us run with patient endurance and steady and active persistence the appointed course of the race that is set before us. Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

Luke 5:1-7. In verse 4, Jesus tells Peter, Put out into the deep [water], and lower your nets for a haul.

Peter responds: Master, we toiled all night [exhaustingly] and caught nothing [in our nets]. (v. 5).

Peter, already exhausted from being up all night, says to Jesus, But on the ground of Your word, I will lower the nets [again] (v. 5).

- **Sacrifice**
- Samalbong story
- Call to Hong Kong as a missionary
- ICM's story

Galatians 6:9: And let us not lose heart and grow weary and faint in acting nobly and doing right, for in due time and at the appointed season we shall reap, if we do not loosen and relax our courage and faint .

Psalms 126:5 Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy.