

DARING FAITH

THE KEY TO MIRACLES

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU HAVE FAITH

Parts 1-3

“The Gospel shows us how God makes people right with himself that it begins and ends with FAITH. The Scripture says those who are right with God will live by trusting in Him.” **Romans 1:17**

“Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.” **Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)**

FAITH IS _____

“What is faith? It is the confident assurance that what we hope for is going to happen and to be certain of things we do not yet see.” **Hebrews 11:1 (NLT)**

“I pray that the eyes of your heart will be flooded with light so that you can see the wonderful future God has promised to those he called . . .” **Ephesians 1:18**

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE SEE WITH EYES OF FEAR?

(Numbers 13-14 - Spying out the Promised Land)

1. WE EXAGGERATE _____

“It’s a magnificent land BUT the people living there are powerful, and their cities are fortified and large! What’s more, we saw Anakim giants there!” **Numbers 13:27b-28**

“... other spies said, “They’d crush us!” So the majority report of the spies was negative.” **Numbers 13:31-32**

2. WE UNDERESTIMATE _____

“We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes,
and we looked the same to them.” **Numbers 13:33**

3. WE _____

“Then all the people began weeping aloud,
and they carried on all night!” **Numbers 14:1**

4. WE START TO _____

“All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron . . .
‘We wish we had died in Egypt!’ they wailed, ‘Or even
here in the wilderness!’” **Numbers 14:2**

5. WE EVENTUALLY _____

“Why is the Lord bringing us to this land to be killed with swords
. . . We’d be better off going back to Egypt!” **Numbers 14:3**

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE SEE WITH EYES OF FAITH?

1. FAITH _____

“Is anything too hard for the Lord?” **Genesis 18:14a**
“For nothing is impossible with God!” **Luke 1:37**

2. FAITH _____

Jesus said, “Have faith in God! If you have faith in God and you
don’t doubt, you could tell this mountain to get up and jump
into the sea, and it would. Whatever you ask for in prayer will be
yours, IF you only have the faith.” **Mark 11:22-24**

3. FAITH _____

Jesus said, “According to your faith
it will be done to you.” **Matthew 9:29**

4. FAITH

“For no matter how many promises God has made, they are all ‘Yes’ in Christ!” **2 Corinthians 1:20a**

5. FAITH

“Glory be to God, who by his mighty power at work within us, is able to do FAR MORE than we would ever DARE TO ASK or even DREAM of—infinately beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes!” **Ephesians 3:20 (LB)**

6. FAITH GIVES ME

“We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we’re not crushed and broken. We’re perplexed, but we don’t give up and quit. We’re attacked but God never abandons us. We get knocked down, but we get up and keep going!” **2 Corinthians 4:8-9 (NLT)**

“God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life.” **John 3:16 (CEV)**

How To Grow In Your Faith during the DARING FAITH CAMPAIGN

1. Watch & Discuss the 6 Video Studies in a Small Group.
2. Read the Daily Inspirations in your workbook.
3. Listen to all 10 Weekend Messages of the campaign.
4. Carry the weekly Bible verse with you.
5. Set 3 faith goals for growing, giving, and going.

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HOW TO GET READY FOR A MIRACLE

Part 1

PART 1: THE DARING FAITH CAMPAIGN WHAT IS IT?

A two month focus on growing, sowing and going in FAITH.

“Let your roots GROW down into him and draw up nourishment from him, so that you will grow in faith, strong and vigorous...” **Colossians 2:7 (NLT)**

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also REAP generously.” **2 Corinthians 9:6**

“It was by faith Abraham obeyed God’s call to go to another place God promised to give him. He left his own country, without knowing where he was to GO.” **Hebrews 11:8 (NCV)**

WHY ARE WE DOING IT?

“Without faith it is impossible to please God . . .” **Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)**

“Anything that is not done in faith is sin.” **Romans 14:23b (GW)**

“According to your faith will it be done to you.” **Matthew 9:29 (NIV)**

4 PURPOSES

1. TO ADVANCE _____ BY STRETCHING OUR FAITH.

“When your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you’ll be strong in character and ready for anything!” **James 1:3-4 (NLT)**

2. TO ENHANCE _____ BY COOPERATING TOGETHER.

“The believers in the Jerusalem church were united in their hearts and spirit because they shared all they had with each other . . . In fact, people would sell what they owned, even their homes, and give the money as an offering.” **Acts 4:32-35**

3. TO FINANCE _____ through an offering and our 36 month giving pledged.

Paul: “What we’re hoping for is that as your lives grow in faith, you’ll play a greater part within our expanding work.” **2 Corinthians 10:15b (Mes)**

“Since you already excel in so many ways—you have so much faith, such gifted teaching, so much knowledge, so much enthusiasm, and so much love—now I want you to grow and excel in the ministry of generous giving.” **2 Corinthians 8:7**

4. TO HONOR THE EVERYDAY _____ SERVING IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY.

“Epaphroditus works and serves with me in the army of Christ. When I needed help, you sent him to me . . . Welcome him back in the Lord with much joy and give honor to people like him, for he risked his life to give me the help I needed, that you could not provide.” **Philippians 2:25, 29-30 (NCV)**

HOW WILL WE BUILD OUR FAITH?

By challenging people to stretch their faith, take wise risks, learn to trust God and practice sacrificial generosity like Christ:

1. Through 10 weekend messages on “Daring Faith: Key To Miracles”
2. Through 6 small group videos “Learning To Live By Faith” (after Easter)
3. Through Daily Devotional readings on Faith
4. Through a 3-year Faith-Commitment Offering - May 8-9
5. Through recognitions, fellowship, and projects

WHAT WE WON'T DO

1. We WON'T _____ anyone to give.

“Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, NOT reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.” **2 Corinthians 9:7**

2. We WON'T _____ anything!

David: “I will not sacrifice an offering that costs me nothing.” **1 Chronicles 21:24**

3. We WON'T _____ mixed with giving.

“Promote my product to the church & I'll give”

WHAT WE WILL DO WITHOUT APOLOGY

1. We will show how everyone can give something.
2. We will ask people to sacrifice.
3. We will follow the biblical pattern for an offering in 1 Chronicles 29.

4 THINGS YOU CAN EXPECT DURING THE DARING FAITH CAMPAIGN

1. To see _____

2. To grow _____

3. To be _____

4. To experience _____

How To Stretch & Grow Your Faith

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PART 2

HOW FAITH IN JESUS TURNS A LITTLE INTO A LOT

Mark 6:34-44 – The Miracle of Feeding the 5,000

1. ADMIT _____

“When Jesus . . . saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them . . . so he began teaching them. By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came and said, ‘This is a remote place. Send the people away so they can go and buy something to eat.’ But Jesus answered, ‘You give them something to eat!’ They said, ‘That would take eight months of a man’s wages!’” **Mark 6:34-37a (NIV)**

2. GIVE GOD _____

“‘How many loaves do you have?’ Jesus asked. ‘Go and see.’ When they found out, they said, ‘Five small loaves of bread and two fish.’” **Mark 6:38 (NIV)**

“Jesus asked this only to test them, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.” **John 6:6 (NIV)**

3. PUT IT ALL

“Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish . . . He blessed the food and broke the loaves and He kept giving them to the disciples to set before the people . . .” **Mark 6:41 (NASB)**

The boy gave what he had . . . willingly, cheerfully, & immediately.

4. EXPECT GOD

“Everyone ate and had enough. Afterwards they collected 12 baskets full of . . . leftovers!” **Mark 6:42-43 (Ph)**

“All things are possible with God.” **Mark 10:27 (NIV)**

Jesus: “A kernel of wheat must be given away and planted in the soil. Unless it dies and is buried, it will remain a single seed. But its death will produce many more seeds and a great harvest!” **John 12:24**

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DARING TO BELIEVE

Parts 1-4

“This is what God wants you to do: BELIEVE in the one he has sent!” John 6:29 (NLT)

FOUR BENEFITS OF BELIEVING IN JESUS

1. EVERYTHING I'VE EVER

“...All who BELIEVE in Jesus will be forgiven of their sins through Jesus' name.” **Acts 10:43 (NCV)**

“We are made right in God's sight when we trust in Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, no matter who we are or what we have done!” **Romans 3:22 (NLT)**

2. I LEARN

“Everything, absolutely everything... got started in Christ and finds its purpose in him.” **Colossians 1:16 (Mes)**

“It is in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for... part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.” **Ephesians 1:11 (Mes)**

3. I GET GOD'S

"God gives power to those who are tired and worn out, and he offers strength to the weak." **Isaiah 40:29 (NLT)**

"I pray that you will begin to understand how incredibly great his power is to help those who BELIEVE him. It is that same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead!" **Ephesians 1:19-20 (LB)**

4. I'M GUARANTEED

"Jesus said "I am the one who raises the dead and gives them life again. Anyone who BELIEVES in me, even though he dies shall live again. He is given eternal life for BELIEVING in me and shall never perish." **John 11:25-26 (LB)**

"God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever BELIEVES in him should not perish but have everlasting life." **John 3:16**

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "BELIEVE IN JESUS"? T.R.U.S.T.

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"IF you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is my LORD," and BELIEVE in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved!" **Romans 10:9**

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"Nothing will ever be able to separate us from his love. Death can't, and life can't. The angels can't, and demons can't. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, and even the powers of hell can't keep God's love away. Whether we're high above the sky or in the deepest ocean, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord." **Romans 8:38-39 (NLT)**

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“Give yourselves completely to God--every part of you--for you’ve been saved from death and you want to be tools in the hands of God, to be used for his good purposes.” **Romans 6:13 (LB)**

“God has made us what we are, and in our union with Christ Jesus he has created us for a life of good works, which he has already prepared for us to do.” **Ephesians 2:10 (TEV)**

S _____

“For you have been given not only the privilege of BELIEVING in Christ but also the privilege of SUFFERING for him.” **Philippians 1:29 (NLT)**

“But if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don’t be afraid and don’t worry.” **1 Peter 3:14 (NLT)**

T _____

“For the word of the Lord always holds true, and everything he does is worthy of our trust.” **Psalms 33:4 (NLT)**

“God can’t break his word. So we who have trusted our very lives to God have every reason to grab the promised hope with both hands and never let go!” **Hebrews 6:18 (Mes)**

Why I still dare to believe

“To all who received him, to those who believed in his name, Jesus gave the right to become children of God.” **John 1:12**

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DARING TO IMAGINE

Parts 1-3

3 Categories in the Bible

1. Some things we shouldn't imagine
2. Some things we can't imagine
3. Some things we should imagine

WHAT I'VE LEARNED FROM A LIFETIME OF GOD-INSPIRED DREAMING

1. My imagination

"... For as a man thinks in his heart,
so he is." **Proverbs 23:7 (KJV)**

"Be careful how you think; your life is shaped
by your thoughts." **Proverbs 4:23 (TEV)**

God's warning about Babel:

The Lord said, "Now that they are one people speaking
one language, this is only the beginning of what they will do.

Now nothing they have IMAGINED they can do will be
impossible for them!" **Genesis 11:6 (Amp)**

2. Imagining is essential

"What is faith? It is the confident assurance that what
we hope for is going to happen. It is the evidence of
things we cannot yet see." **Hebrews 11:1 (NLT)**

“We set our eyes not on what we see but on what we cannot see. What we see will last only a short time, but what we cannot see will last forever.” **2 Corinthians 4:18 (NCV)**

3. Great lives are _____

“May God enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see the hope that his calling holds for you.” **Ephesians 1:18 (NJB)**

“Where there is no vision, the people perish . . .” **Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)**

4. God’s dream for my life _____

“God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever IMAGINE or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by his Spirit working deeply and gently within us.” **Ephesians 3:20 (Mes)**

Let the size of my God, determine the size of my goals.

5. _____

“If you need wisdom, just ask God for it, because He is generous and enjoys giving to everyone. But when you ask God, you must believe in faith and not doubt. For a doubtful mind is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is driven back and forth, and tossed about by the wind. Such doubters cannot decide about anything they do, so they should not imagine receiving anything from the Lord.” **James 1:5-7**

“The man said, ‘Please heal my son if you can.’ Jesus replied, ‘What do you mean, “If I can?” Anything is possible IF a person believes.’ The father replied, ‘I do believe, but help me not to doubt!’” **Mark 9:22-24 (NLT)**

6. _____

“I will ask the Father, and he will give you another helper who will be with you forever. That helper is the Spirit of Truth . . . you know him because he lives with you and will be IN you!” **John 14:16-17 (GW)**

“Open my eyes to see the wonderful truths in your law . . . Help me understand the meaning of your commandments, and I will meditate on your wonderful miracles.” **Psalms 119:18, 27 (NLT)**

THE KEY: A DAILY QUIET TIME

“The Sovereign Lord has given me his words of wisdom, so I know what to say to all these weary ones. Morning by morning he awakens me and opens my understanding to his will.” **Isaiah 50:4 (NLT)**

7. _____

“To your faith, add goodness; and to your goodness, add knowledge; and to your knowledge, add self-control; and to your self-control, add patience; and to your patience, add service for God; and to your service for God, add kindness for your brothers and sisters in Christ; and to this kindness, add love for everyone. IF all these things are in you and are growing, they will help you to BE USEFUL AND PRODUCTIVE in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But anyone who does not have these things CANNOT SEE CLEARLY.” **2 Peter 1:5-9 (NCV)**

8. If a dream is from God, it will be connected

somehow to _____

“If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will find true life.” **Mark 8:35 (NLT)**

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DARING TO GIVE GOD MY BEST

Parts 1-2

“DO YOUR BEST to improve your faith. You can do this by adding goodness, understanding, self-control, patience, devotion to God, concern for others, and love. If you keep growing in this way, it will show that . . . Christ has made your lives useful and meaningful.” **2 Peter 1:5-8 (CEV)**

“Honor God with everything you own; give him the first and the BEST part of everything. If you do this, your barns will fill with grain and your barrels will overflow with wine.” **Proverbs 3:9-10**

HOW DO I GIVE MY BEST TO GOD?

2 Timothy 2:3-7 – A Soldier, An Athlete, A Farmer

“Endure hardship with us like a GOOD SOLDIER of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets tied up in civilian affairs—he wants to please his commanding officer. Similarly, if anyone competes as AN ATHLETE, he does not receive the victor’s crown unless he competes according to the rules. And the HARDWORKING FARMER should be the first to receive a share of the crops. Think about these three illustrations, and the Lord will help you to understand how they apply to you.” **2 Timothy 2:3-7 (NIV/LB)**

LESSONS FROM THE MILITARY LIKE AN EFFECTIVE SOLDIER, I MUST . . .

1. _____

“The greatest love is shown when a person lays down his life for his friends.” **John 15:13 (LB)**

2.

“Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.” **2 Timothy 2:3**

“Live a life of sacrificial love just like Christ loved us and gave himself as an offering and sacrifice for us.” **Ephesians 5:2**

3.

“As Christ’s soldier, do not let yourself become entangled in the affairs of this life, wasting time, for then you can’t please your commanding officer who enlisted you in his army.” **2 Timothy 2:4 (NIV/NLT)**

LESSONS FROM SPORTS

“In a race everyone runs, but only one person wins the prize. So run your race to win. TO WIN the contest YOU MUST DENY YOURSELVES many things that would keep you from DOING YOUR BEST. An athlete goes to all this trouble just to win a ribbon or medal that won’t last, but we do it for an eternal reward that will last forever! So I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step. I fight to win. I’m not just shadow-boxing or playing around. Like an athlete I discipline myself, making sacrifices and training my body to do what it should, not what it wants to do. Otherwise I fear I might be disqualified from the race.” **1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (LB/NCV)**

TO WIN THE PRIZE, I MUST . . .

1.

“In a race everyone runs, but only one person wins the prize. So run your race to win!” **1 Corinthians 9:24 (LB)**

“Run YOUR BEST in the RACE OF FAITH, and win eternal life for yourself; for this is the life that God called you to when you professed your faith before many witnesses.” **1 Timothy 6:12 (TEV)**

2. _____

“Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we’re in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed—that joyful finish with God in heaven—he could put up with anything along the way: cross, shame, whatever. And now he’s there, in the place of honor, right alongside God.” **Hebrews 12:2 (Mes)**

“If anyone competes as an athlete, he cannot receive the victor’s crown unless he competes according to the rules.” **2 Timothy 2:5 (NAS)**

“To win the contest you must deny yourself many things that would keep you from DOING YOUR BEST. An athlete goes into strict training just to win a ribbon or medal that won’t last, but we do it for an eternal reward that will last forever! . . . So I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should.” **1 Corinthians 9:25, 27 (LB/NLT)**

3. _____

“I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step! I fight to win. I’m not just shadow-boxing or playing around.” **1 Corinthians 9:26 (LB)**

Jesus: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field.” **Matthew 13:24 (NLT)**

LESSONS FROM FARMING

“Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully. Then God will generously provide all you need, and you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others . . . For God is the one who gives seed to the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will give you many opportunities to do good, and he will produce a great harvest of generosity in you! Yes, you will be enriched SO THAT you can give even more generously! . . . You will be glorifying God through your generous gifts, AND your generosity will prove you are obedient to the Good News of Christ!” **2 Corinthians 9:6-13 (NLT)**

TO REAP A GREAT HARVEST, I MUST . . .

2 PROMISES OF JESUS

“Give, and it will be given back to you. You will be given much. It will be poured into your hands—more than you can hold. You will be given so much that it will spill into your lap. The way you give to others is the way God will give to you.” **Luke 6:38 (ICB)**

Jesus said, “I guarantee you this: Anyone who gives up anything for my sake and the Good News—whether a home or a family member or property—will get MORE THAN THAT BACK, multiplied a HUNDREDFOLD, and in the world to come they will be given life forever!” **Mark 10:29-30**

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DARING TO PLANT IN FAITH

Parts 1-2

God: "As long as the earth endures, there will be seedtime and harvest. . ." **Genesis 8:22 (NIV)**

"Don't be misled: No one makes a fool of God. Whatever a person plants, he WILL harvest." **Galatians 6:7a (Mes)**

GOD'S LAWS OF PLANTING AND HARVESTING

1. EVERYTHING STARTS

God said, "Let the land have seed-bearing plants and trees that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their varieties." **Genesis 1:11**

A "SEED" IS ANYTHING VALUABLE

2. NOTHING HAPPENS UNTIL

Jesus said, "Unless a grain of wheat is buried in the ground, it cannot reproduce. But if it dies, it will produce much fruit." **John 12:24**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is like someone who plants seed in the ground. Night and day, whether the person is asleep or awake, the seed still grows, but the person does not know how it grows." **Mark 4:26-27 (NCV)**

3. WHEN I HAVE A NEED _____

"Do your planting in the morning and in the evening, too! You never know whether it will all grow well or whether one planting will do better than the other." **Ecclesiastes 11:6 (TEV)**

4. WHATEVER I PLANT _____

"You will reap exactly what you plant." **Galatians 6:7b (TEV)**

"The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others, and ignoring God, harvests a crop of weeds. That's all he'll have to show for his life! BUT the one who plants in response to God, letting God's Spirit do the growth work in him, harvests a crop of real life, eternal life!" **Galatians 6:7b-8 (Mes)**

5. _____

"I sent you to reap where you didn't plant; others had already done work before you, and you will gather the harvest." **John 4:38**

6. I ALWAYS REAP _____

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven. . . A time to plant and a time to harvest. . . a time to scatter and a time to gather. . ." **Ecclesiastes 3:1-5**

7. I MUST BE _____

"Let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we WILL reap a harvest of blessing IF we don't get discouraged and give up." **Galatians 6:9 (LB)**

8. I ALWAYS REAP _____

“Some seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, MULTIPLYING thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times.” **Mark 4:8**

9. I INCREASE MY HARVEST _____

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will reap generously. Each one should give what he’s decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” **2 Corinthians 9:6-7**

“The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller.” **Proverb 11:24 (Mes)**

10. THE MORE SEED I PLANT _____

“For God, who supplies seed to the farmer and bread to eat, will give you more and more seed to plant and will make it grow so that you can give away more and more fruit from your harvest.” **2 Corinthians 9:10 (LB)**

11. I PLANT BY FAITH, _____

“Those who plant in tears will harvest with shouts of joy. They weep as they go to plant their seed, BUT they sing as they return with the harvest.” **Psalms 126:5-6 (NLT)**

12. THE BEST TIME TO PLANT _____

“Those who wait for perfect weather will never plant seeds; and those who look at every cloud will never reap a harvest.” **Ecclesiastes 11:4**

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DARING TO COMMIT

Parts 1-2

“Give yourselves completely to God—every part of you—for you have been brought back to life, and you want to be tools in the hands of God, used for his good purposes.” **Romans 6:13 (LB)**

“Since God has shown us great mercy, offer your lives as a living sacrifice to him. Your offering must be only for God and pleasing to him, which is the spiritual way for you to worship.” **Romans 12:1 (NCV)**

FIVE COMMITMENTS

1. TO STRENGTHEN MY FAITH . . .

I MUST _____

“Those who wait on the Lord will renew their strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint.” **Isaiah 40:31**

“Worship the Lord with gladness! Come before him, singing with joy!” **Psalms 100:2 (NLT)**

2. TO DISCOVER MY IDENTITY & PURPOSE . . .

I MUST _____

“We are like the various parts of a human body. Each part gets its meaning from Christ’s Body as a whole, not the other way around. Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of his body. But as a chopped-off finger or cut-off toe we wouldn’t amount to much, would we?” **Romans 12:4-5 (Mes)**

“Christ brought us together through his death on the Cross. The Cross got us to embrace, and that was the end of the hostility.” **Ephesians 2:16 (Mes)**

“Now God had reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation...and the message of reconciliation.” **2 Corinthians 5:18-19 (NIV)**

3. TO DEVELOP MY POTENTIAL . . .

I MUST

“Christ’s Body is fitted TOGETHER perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow . . .” **Ephesians 4:16 (NLT)**

“God’s kingdom isn’t about eating and drinking. It’s about pleasing God, living in peace, and experiencing true happiness. All this comes from the Holy Spirit.” **Romans 14:17 (CEV)**

4. TO EXPERIENCE SIGNIFICANCE . . .

I MUST

“Each of you has received a gift to use to serve others. Be good servants of God’s various gifts of grace.” **1 Peter 4:10 (NCV)**

“I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me.” **Matthew 25:40 (NIV)**

“If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will find true life.” **Mark 8:35 (NLT)**

“Two people are always better than one, because they get more done by working TOGETHER. If one falls down, the other can help him up. But it is bad for the person who is alone and falls, because no one is there to help. If two lie down TOGETHER, they can share the same blanket and stay warm, but a person alone will not be warm. An enemy might defeat one person, but two people TOGETHER can defend themselves. And a rope that is woven of three braids is hard to break.” **Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NCV & LB)**

WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER . . .

1. WE _____ (vs 9)

2. WE _____ (vs 10)

3. WE _____ (vs 11)

5. TO MAKE AN ETERNAL DIFFERENCE . . .

I MUST _____

“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to do everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you . . .” **Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)**

“They gave beyond their ability . . . far more than they could afford. What explains it was that they had first given themselves unreservedly to God. The other giving simply flowed out of the purposes of God working in their lives.” **2 Corinthians 8:3, 5 (Mes)**

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DARING TO BE GENEROUS

Parts 1-2

WHAT HAPPENS EVERY TIME I GIVE: 12 BENEFITS

1. GENEROSITY

"You will be glorifying God through your generous gifts. Your generosity will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ." **2 Corinthians 9:13 (NLT)**

"Whoever is generous to the needy honors God." **Proverb 14:31 (ESV)**

2. GENEROSITY DRAWS ME

"The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God first in your lives." **Deuteronomy 14:23b (LB)**

"Your heart will be wherever your treasure is." **Matthew 6:21 (NCV)**

3. GENEROSITY MAKES ME

"The greedy always want more, but the godly love to give!" **Proverb 21:26 (NLT)**

"Purity is best demonstrated by generosity." **Luke 11:41 (LB)**

4. GENEROSITY IS THE CURE FOR

“You cannot serve both God and money.” **Matthew 6:24**

“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them... to be generous and willing to share. In this way... they will take hold of the life that is True Life.” **1 Timothy 6:17-19**

5. GENEROSITY DEMONSTRATES

“Your giving proves the reality of your faith...” **2 Corinthians 9:13 (Ph)**

“You are generous because of your faith.” **Philemon 1:6**

“Bring your whole tithe to My storehouse. Test me in this and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you won’t have room enough for it!” **Malachi 3:10**

6. GENEROSITY

“If you are untrustworthy with worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?” **Luke 16:11 (NLT)**

7. GENEROSITY BRINGS

“Generous people will be blessed...” **Proverb 22:9 (NCV)**

“Give generously... then because of this God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.” **Deuteronomy 15:10**

“God loves the one who gives gladly. And God will make it up to you by giving you everything you need and more so that there will not only be enough for your own needs but plenty left over to give joyfully to others.” **2 Corinthians 9:7-8**

8. GENEROSITY INCREASES

Jesus said, "There is more happiness in giving than in receiving." **Acts 20:35 (TEV)**

9. GENEROSITY EXPANDS

"The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy will get smaller and smaller." **Proverb 11:24 (Mes)**

"Those who give generously to those in need...will never be forgotten...they will have influence and honor." **Psalm 112:9 (NLT)**

10. GENEROSITY MULTIPLIES

"A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." **Proverb 11:25 (NIV)**

"You will be enriched so that you can give even more generously." **2 Corinthians 9:11a (NLT)**

11. GENEROSITY

"All goes well for the generous man who conducts his business fairly. Such a man will not be overthrown by evil circumstances. God's constant care of him will make a deep impression on all who see it." **Psalm 112:5-6 (LB)**

12. GENEROSITY WILL BE

"Use your money to do good... always being ready to share with others whatever God has given you. By doing this you will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven—it is the only safe investment for eternity! And they will be living a fruitful Christian life down here as well." **1 Timothy 6:18-19 (LB)**

"I tell you, use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. In this way, your generosity stores up a reward for you in heaven." **Luke 16:9 (NLT)**

DARING FAITH

THE KEY TO MIRACLES

DARING TO WAIT ON GOD

Parts 1-3

“God does everything just right and on time, but people can never completely understand what he is doing.” **Ecclesiastes 3:11b (NCV)**

WHAT TO REMEMBER WHILE WAITING ON GOD

1. _____

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven . . . A time to plant and a time to harvest . . . a time to scatter and a time to gather . . .” **Ecclesiastes 3:1-5**

2. _____

“We are not struggling and fighting against human beings but against evil spiritual forces in the heavenly realm—the rulers, authorities, and powers of darkness.” **Ephesians 6:12 (TEV)**

3. _____

“There is wonderful joy ahead, even though it is necessary for you to endure many trials for a while. These troubles test your faith, to show that it is strong and pure, just as fire tests and purifies gold—and your faith is far more precious to God than mere gold.” **1 Peter 1:6-7 (NLT)**

“Waiting does not diminish us any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother. We are enlarged in the waiting. We don’t see what is enlarging us, but the longer we wait, the larger we

become, and the more joyful our expectancy. Meanwhile, when we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He prays in us and for us . . . He knows us far better than we know ourselves, and knows our pregnant condition . . . That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good." **Romans 8:24-28 (Mes)**

4. _____

"People who lived in the past became famous because of their faith." **Hebrews 11:2 (ICB)**

5. _____

God says, "At the time I have decided, my words will come true. You can trust what I say about the future. It may take a long time, but keep on waiting—it will happen!" **Habakkuk 2:3 (CEV)**

WHAT TO DO WHILE WAITING ON God

WRITE _____

"At the Lord's direction, Moses kept a written record of their progress." **Numbers 33:2a (NLT)**

"Remember what you have learned about the Lord through your experiences with him." **Deuteronomy 11:2a (TEV)**

ACT _____

- Jesus said, "I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." **Mark 11:24 (NIV)**

IMITATE _____

"We do not want you to become lazy, but to IMITATE those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised." **Hebrews 6:12 (NIV)**

Paul: "KEEP ON putting into practice all you learned from me and heard from me and saw me doing." **Philippians 4:9a (NLT)**

DON'T _____

KEEP ON _____

"Keep on asking, and you WILL be given what you ask for. Keep on looking, and you WILL find. Keep on knocking, and the door WILL be opened!" **Matthew 7:7 (NLT)**

KEEP ON _____

"Never be lazy in your work, but serve the Lord enthusiastically." **Romans 12:11 (NLT)**

KEEP ON _____

"Don't give up your habit of meeting with other believers. Instead keep on encouraging each other!" **Hebrews 10:25**

KEEP ON _____

"Keep on sowing your seed, for you never know which ones will grow—perhaps they all will!" **Ecclesiastes 11:6 (LB)**

KEEP ON _____

"You must keep on believing the things you have been taught. You know they are true . . ." **2 Timothy 3:14 (LB)**

TRUST _____

"Even when I am afraid, I keep on trusting you." **Psalms 56:3 (CEV)**

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DARING TO GO IN FAITH

Part 1

Two of the words that summarize Jesus' message are:

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Jesus: "If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens, COME TO ME and I will give you rest. Take the yoke I give you. Put it on your shoulders and learn from me. I am gentle and humble, and you will find rest. My yoke is easy to bear, and my burden is light." **Matt. 11:28-30 (CEV)**

Jesus said, "Your faith has saved you. NOW GO!" **Luke 7:50**

"Any faith that doesn't lead us to GO INTO ACTION with good deeds is worthless, dead and useless!" **James 2:17**

Daring Faith is about a party that will last forever:

"A very powerful and generous man prepared a great banquet and invited many prominent guests. When it was ready he sent his servant to GO AND TELL those invited to 'COME, for everything is now ready!' But they all began to make excuses. The first said, 'I've just bought a field, and I must go see it. Please excuse me.' Another said, 'I've just acquired five pair of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.' Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.' When the servant reported this, the Owner of the Estate became angry and told his servant, 'GO QUICKLY into the streets and alleys of our city and BRING IN the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame as my guests!' The servant said, 'Master, we've already done this, but there is STILL ROOM FOR MORE in your banquet!' The

Master said, 'Then now GO OUT OF OUR CITY to the roads and country lane, GO EVERYWHERE and INVITE EVERYONE TO COME so that my house will be full! I promise you this: not one of those people who ignored my invitation will ever get to taste what I had prepared for them!'" **Luke 14:16-20**

I must GO. . .to obey GOd. . . to do GOod. . . to live the GOspel. . .to become GOdly. . .to reach my GOals
. . . to share the GOod News!

During the Next 3 Years of Daring Faith. . .

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

1. WE ARE GOING TO _____

"GO TO THE LORD for help, and worship him continually." **1 Chron. 16:11 (TEV)**

"Those who GO TO THE LORD for help will have every good thing." **Psalms 34:10 (ICB)**

"God helps them and rescues them and saves them from the wicked, because they GO TO HIM for protection!" **Psalms 37:40 (TEV)**

2. WE ARE GOING TO _____

"(Paul & Barnabas) strengthened the disciples and encouraged them to remain true to the faith, reminding them that we must GO THROUGH many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." **Acts 14:22**

"... I want to hear that you are working together and that you are struggling side by side to get others to believe the good news . . . Don't be intimidated by those who oppose you . . . You have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him. We are in this fight TOGETHER . . . (so keep on) loving one another, and working together with one heart and purpose." **Phil.1:27 - 2:2 (NLT)**

“We must support BELIEVERS WHO GO on trips like this so that we can work together with them in spreading the truth.” **3 John 1:8 (GW)**

3. WE ARE GOING TO _____

“Let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and GO ON TO MATURITY . . .” **Hebrews 6:1 (NIV)**

“The more you GO ON in this way, the more you will GROW STRONG spiritually and become fruitful and useful to our Lord Jesus.” **2 Peter 1:8 (LB)** ♦

“Anyone who fails to GO AFTER these additions to faith is blind, or very shortsighted and has forgotten that God delivered us from the old life of sin so that now we can live a strong, good life for the Lord!” **2 Peter 1:9 (LB)**

4. WE ARE GOING TO _____

“Anyone who asks the Lord for help will be saved. But before people can trust in the Lord, they must believe in him. And before they can believe in him, they must hear about him. And to hear about him someone must GO AND TELL them! And before someone can go and tell them, he must be sent. It is written, ‘How beautiful is the person who comes to bring good news.’” **Romans 10:13-15 (ICB)**

“When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you’ll be given my power, and you are to GO AND BE MY WITNESSES in Jerusalem, and in all of Judea and in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” **Acts 1:8**

Jesus said, “Let people who are dead bury the dead. Your job is to GO AND TELL OTHERS about God’s kingdom.” **Luke 9:60**