

“Faith Steps”

John 4:43-54 Sign #2

Taking Steps of faith toward total dependence....Colossians 2:6-7

Step #1- A Faith based upon visual Evidence and understanding. John 20:28-29

- A. The Jews wanted constant _____.
 - 1. We can be forgetful like the Israelites, and our faith gets stagnant. Ex. 19:16-20:1, 32
 - We can come in complaint rather than prayer and demand understanding.
- B. Our faith is not blind because God has already _____ clear evidence.
 - 1. God has given us evidence in this world, His Word, and His Holy Spirit.
- C. We see His work in the lives of people around us.

Step #2- A Faith that has grown with personal _____ experience.

- A. As we experience the Lord’s _____ it builds our faith for when we face the trial again.
 - 1. It’s important to celebrate praises and allow them to be faith building for the future.
 - 2. We need to learn from the next generation of Israelites that built a memorial of praise in Joshua 3-4.
- B. We cannot put _____ around our faith.
 - 1. He was limiting Christ’s ability to what he had already witnessed. Ephesians 3:20
 - Jairus in Mark 5 and Martha in John 11 had placed similar limitations upon Jesus.

Step #3- A Faith based upon _____.

- A. A faith that enjoys the _____ of God in uncharted waters. Proverbs 3:5-6
 - 1. The Lord will seek to stretch us and take us out of our comfort zones.
 - Gideon’s faith grew through obedience. Judges 6:26-7:24
 - 2. We must bring our worries, fears, and inadequacies to His feet. Phil. 4:6-7
- B. A Faith that moves at the _____ of God’s Word.
 - 1. Moving beyond conviction and passion to application. James 1:18-25
 - Mature faith drives us to our knees and to His Word for direction. Heb. 11:6
 - 2. The Samaritans possessed a more mature faith that believed upon Jesus’ Word.
 - The centurion in Matthew 8:5-10 showed a mature faith in Jesus. Jesus came to his home because he already had great faith.
- C. A faith that rests in His _____. Luke 2:25-32,36-38(Simeon, Anna),

Step #4- A Faith that promotes Evangelism.

- A. A mature faith will have a _____ impact on our world.
- B. The world will see God’s _____ and provision in our lives.
- C. Our lives and praise will _____ His glory.

“Do not understand that you may believe, but rather believe that you may understand.”