Living Large in Life Wednesday December 4, 2024 Dr. Pete Norris

The journey from lack to abundance.

Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. (Romans 3:27 NKJV)

Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be." And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness." Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification. (Romans 4:16-25 NKJV)

The stages of faith that lead to enlargement.

And He said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? (Mark 4:13 NKJV)

If you don't understand this parable, then you won't be able to understand the other 25 parables.

For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. (Mark 4:28 NKJV)

This is 30/60/100 fold. You grow from faith to faith. Blade, ear to the full ear.

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. (I Timothy 6:12 NKJV)

And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. (John 17:3 NKJV)

I called on the Lord in distress; The Lord answered me and set me in a broad place. (Psalms 118:5 NKJV)

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, (II Corinthians 4:7-13 NKJV)

Faith is truth. Faith is an act. The difference is in the doing. Faith is a gift and fruit.

(As it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; (Romans 4:17 NKJV)

When God told him his wife was old, and he was old in years. God is trying to get him to become large on the inside no matter what it looks like on the outside. The part of enlargement requires adversity. Look at David, no Goliath, he would have stayed a shepherd boy.

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not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. (Romans 4:18-21 NKJV)

Hope against hope. Adversity strengthened his faith. Faith faces the facts but triumphs with the truth. You do not see death; you see life.