

*"Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase. Just take the first step."
—Martin Luther King Jr.*

STEPS OF FAITH

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

2 Corinthians 5:7

"For we live by faith, not by sight."

Isaiah 42:16

"I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them."

Hebrews 11:1

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

Ephesians 2:8-9

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast."

Many of us are blessed with our eyesight. Even if you don't have perfect vision, you most likely have something that helps you to see—glasses, contacts—perhaps you've even had the Lasik eye-surgery done.

What about those individuals who were born blind or have lost their vision over the years? They are relying on their other senses, people, or perhaps a seeing-eye dog. Can you imagine how much trust they are placing in something to assist them in getting from point A to point B? A dog could easily lead them astray, but they have FAITH that their dog will be loyal and help them get to their destination.

Similarly, as Christians we must live with a blind faith. We must place our faith in God to lead us from point A to point B, even when we can't see the next step. It's a matter of trusting and knowing and God will direct our steps throughout your journey.



WHAT IS FAITH?

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1). Faith is a great part of the adventure on your journey. You don't know where it is going to lead you, but you have faith that God is directing your steps. God rewards those who place their faith in Him. Just like the blind man trusts his seeing-eye dog, you trust that God will lead you. He will never lead you into temptation, but DELIEVER you from evil! God will never lead you astray.

WHAT ABOUT DOUBTS?

There will be times throughout your journey that your faith will be tested. Satan is continuously looking for ways to diminish your faith. Satan wants you to question God and His power. But even among your doubts and when your faith is lacking, God remains faithful. "If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself" (2 Timothy 2:13). Remember: you are not putting your faith in faith; you are putting your faith in God—the author, creator, and perfecter of your life.

FAITH IN ACTION

Read the following passage: [James 2:14-26](#)

In the above passage you read about the importance of putting your faith into action. Faith without being accompanied by action, is dead. It is not enough to just believe in God—even the demons believe in Him and shudder! We are all called to help those in need. If we see a poor person who needs food and clothing, it is not enough to say, "I hope your situation improves." If we are able to help him, we should give him something to eat and clothes to wear. That is FAITH in ACTION.

Now it is important not to misunderstand what James is teaching here. He is not saying that "no works = no faith." He is saying that works are a **demonstration** of your faith. In order to be effective, to demonstrate your faith, and to earn rewards, you must have works.

Likewise, works do not earn you salvation. Jesus Christ finished the work of salvation on the cross. You are saved by trusting in Him and what He did for you on the cross. You must place your faith in Him and then choose to serve Him. God brings blessing to those who seek and serve Him. Let's look at some examples of those who placed their faith in God.

*"When God calls you to do something,
He enables you to do it."—Robert Schuller*



EXAMPLES OF FAITH IN ACTION

(From [Hebrews 11, MSG](#))

By an act of faith, Abel brought a better sacrifice to God than Cain. It was what he believed, not what he brought, that made the difference. That's what God noticed and approved as righteous. After all these centuries, that belief continues to catch our attention.

By faith, Noah built a ship in the middle of dry land. He was warned about something he couldn't see and acted on what he was told. The result? His family was saved. His act of faith drew a sharp line between the evil of the unbelieving world and the rightness of the believing world. As a result, Noah became intimate with God.

By an act of faith, Abraham said yes to God's call to travel to an unknown place that would become his home. When he left he had no idea where he was going. By an act of faith he lived in the country promised him, lived as a stranger camping in tents. Isaac and Jacob did the same, living under the same promise. Abraham did it by keeping his eye on an unseen city with real, eternal foundations—the City designed and built by God.

By faith, barren Sarah was able to become pregnant, old woman as she was at the time, because she believed the One who made a promise would do what He said. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, there are now people numbering into the millions.

By faith, Abraham, at the time of testing, offered Isaac back to God. Acting in faith, he was as ready to return the promised son, his only son, as he had been to receive him—and this after he had already been told, "Your descendants shall come from Isaac." Abraham figured that if God wanted to, He could raise the dead. In a sense, that's what happened when he received Isaac back, alive from off the altar.

By an act of faith, Moses' parents hid him away for three months after his birth. They saw the child's beauty, and they braved the king's decree.

"Love is the crowning grace in Heaven, but faith is the conquering grace upon earth." -Thomas Watson

By faith, Moses, when grown, refused the privileges of the Egyptian royal house. He chose a hard life with God's people rather than an opportunistic soft life of sin with the oppressors. He valued suffering in the Messiah's camp far greater than Egyptian wealth, because he was looking ahead, anticipating the payoff. By an act of faith, he turned his heel on Egypt, indifferent to the king's blind rage. He had his eye on the One no eye can see, and kept right on going. By an act of faith, he kept the Passover Feast and sprinkled Passover blood on each house so that the destroyer of the firstborn wouldn't touch them.

By an act of faith, Israel walked through the Red Sea on dry ground. The Egyptians tried it and drowned.

By faith, the Israelites marched around the walls of Jericho for seven days, and the walls fell flat.

By an act of faith, Rahab, the Jericho harlot, welcomed the spies and escaped the destruction that came on those who refused to trust God.

Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, the prophets....Through acts of faith, they toppled kingdoms, made justice work, took the promises for themselves. They were protected from lions, fires, and sword thrusts. They turned disadvantage to advantage, won battles, and routed alien armies.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- 📄 [From Faith to Faith](#)
Gloria Copeland
- 📄 [The Righteous Shall Live By Faith](#)
Wayne Jackson
- 📄 [We Live By Faith Not By Sight](#)
Seth Barnes
- 📄 [The Just Shall Live By Faith](#)
John Piper
- 🎵 [What Faith Can Do](#)
Kutless
- 🎵 [Walk by Faith Testimony](#)
Jeremy Camp
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Let God direct your steps on your journey.
As you walk by faith, you will begin to see where
God wants you and what He wants you to do.
You must trust God more than you trust in the things
and people you see around you.
Turn to Him everyday—with every choice, doubt,
temptation, thought, or word. Trust in Him and take
STEPS OF FAITH.