

Now Faith Is 3

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Faith – A firm persuasion, or what you believe or life-governing, decision-making persuasions.

A Christian is called to **live and walk by faith** or to have their lives governed by what they believe.

John 13:34-35 – ³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ **By this** all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

When we LIVE OUR FAITH, then and only then are we a reflection of Jesus on the earth.

The weekend of October 20th we LIVED OUR FAITH and helped a young Christian family get their start as they immigrated to America.

- We did for them, what we would have desired for someone to have done for us.
- They didn't know that this was happening until they arrived at the apartment.

Until our **faith** becomes action, it is simply religious talk, wrapped in indifference or fear.

Hebrews 11:33-35 - who through **faith or persuasion** subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained or received promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

Living by faith enables us to:

1. **Subdue kingdoms** – Overcome our culture and its influence in our lives and our children'
2. **Work righteousness** – Walk in holiness and purity
3. **Obtain promises** – Receive the blessings of God
4. **Stop the mouths of lions** – Do the impossible

All of us have to make the choice to **walk by faith** or **walk by sight**.

All of us have **doubted God**.

What do you do when you find yourself in the **land of doubt**?

Peter Walking on Water and Sinking:

Matthew 14:28-31 – ²⁸ "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, **beginning to sink**, cried out, "**Lord, save me!**" ³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "**why did you doubt?**"

Peter:

- Walked on water
- Began to sink
- Cried out to Jesus and was saved
- Learned the danger of doubt

The Purpose or Investment in tomorrow!

Acts 26:18 - to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.