

5. TAKE A STEP OF FAITH

“For because of our faith, he has brought us into this place of highest privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to actually becoming all that God has had in mind for us to be.” Romans 5:2 (LB)

AS YOU LOOK FORWARD TO THE YEAR:

TAKE A STEP OF _____.

Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.— St. Augustine

Faith expects from God what is beyond all expectation.—Andrew Murray

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” Hebrews 11:1 (NRSV)

Look Forward:

Understood... offered... decided... built... went... trusted... blessed... saw... refused... left... persevered... kept... crossed... welcomed... conquered... administered... gained. —from Hebrews 11

“...faith by itself—that does nothing—is dead.” James 2:17 (NCV)

Which door are you moving toward?

Are you thinking, “I don’t know if I have enough faith to do this?”

“I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it would move. Nothing would be impossible.” Matthew 17:20 (NLT)

Looking Forward 

“And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him.” Colossians 2:6 (NLT)

Our vision is to faithfully follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ...

Four Steps of Faith:

Knowing Christ
Growing in Christ
Serving Christ
Sharing Christ

Notes: _____

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