

YEAR OF GLORY TO GOD:

“HOW WILL MY TESTIMONY MAKE THE "GLORY LIST OF 2021”?

“TAKE A STEP OF FAITH”

_____ *“Go, Your Faith Has Healed You”!*

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TAKE A STEP OF FAITH

Brethren,

- Christians are like sheep among wolves (Matthew 10:16). We are to be as wise as a snake while maintaining our righteousness and uprightness (Matthew. 10:16)
- We are constantly fighting battles, but the battle is not ours but God's (2 Chronic. 20:15).

Examples: how many people owe you and don't want to pay you?

How many people take offence at you and you wonder what you have done wrong?

How many people doubt your ability to do what you have planned to do and convinced about it?

- **While we are following the pathway to greatness defined by God**, there will be moments when God would like to prove a point and use us to demonstrate His powers to the people around us.
- We must recognize these moments, be ready and **“take a step of faith.”**
- These are not moments we should allow to ‘slip-by’. Take advantage of them!

TAKING A STEP OF FAITH has been, even, from the days of Jesus Christ - the author of faith. Jesus is the 'author and finisher' of our faith (Hebrews 12:2)

For instance,

- **In Mark 5, a crowd laughed at His plan.** ²¹ ... a large crowd gathered around Jesus while He was by the lake. ²² Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. ²³ He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." ²⁴ So Jesus went with him.
- As they were going, ³⁵ some people came from the house of Jairus. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher anymore?"
- **Brethren, Jesus was on pathway to heal this child and make her live!**
- ³⁶ Overhearing what they said, Jesus told Jairus, "**Don't be afraid; just believe.**"

- Time for action! ...haven said that, Jesus separated Himself from the crowd, taking alone the people whose faith aligned.
- ³⁷ He did not let anyone follow Him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the home of Jairus, **Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly.** ³⁹ He went in and said to them, “Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.” ⁴⁰ But they laughed at Him.He ignored them and took a step of faith
- Once you are on the pathway to greatness, people will laugh at some of the things you say or do. But don’t be moved by sight or what you hear. Rather, believe, focus on your faith and “take a step of faith.”
- ⁴⁰After Jesus put them all out (people wailing and laughing), He took the child’s father and mother and the disciples who were with Him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, “*Talitha koum!*” (which means “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”)..... **THIS IS A STEP OF FAITH!**

- ⁴² Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). **At this they (people around Him) were completely astonished.** ⁴³ He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.
- **Imagine** what has happened? All the people who laughed at Him were dumbfounded. They were hungry to know what happened but they did not get any answers because Jesus had ordered not to tell anyone what happened.
- **Brethren**, similar to the case of Jesus, we are instruments in God's hands to show Himself **STRONG** on our behalf (2 Chronicles 16:9)
- If Jesus was destabilized by their laugh, the miracle would not have happened.
- **Brethren**, once we are on the pathway to greatness, we must be sensitive to know when we need to **"Take a Step of Faith."**

‘Taking a Step of Faith’ always leads to Success...

Example:

#1: In Mark 5: ²⁵ among the crowd who was following Jesus was a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. ²⁶ She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse.

- ²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind Him in the crowd and touched His cloak (She took a step of faith), ²⁸ **because she thought, “If I just touch His clothes, I will be healed.”** ²⁹ Immediately her bleeding stopped and **she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.**
- ³⁰ At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from Him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, **“Who touched my clothes?”** ³¹ “You see the people crowding against you,” His disciples answered, “and yet you can ask, ‘Who touched me?’ ”

- ³⁴ He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”
- Brethren, you see that this woman touched Jesus against every odd. It did not matter who was crowding around Jesus, she separated herself from the crowd to “take a step of faith” and touch Jesus. And she got her healing.

#2: In Luke 19, Zacchaeus, ‘taking a step of faith’ climbed the tree to see Jesus. Because of that, he got unprecedented favour from Jesus.

- ¹Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ² A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³ **He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd.** ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a fig tree to see Him, since Jesus was coming that way.
- ⁵ When Jesus reached the spot, He looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus,

come down **immediately**. I must stay at your house today.” ⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed Him gladly.

- ⁷ All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.” (**Brethren, this is an unprecedented favour**)
- ⁸ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”
- ⁹ Jesus said to him, “**Today salvation has come to this house.**
- **Brethren, anyone that “Takes a Step of Faith” succeeds. God make sure the person is not put to shame.**

- **The Holy Spirit is always there to prompt us when to “Take the Step of Faith.” We need to ;listen.**
- **Before Jesus came, the heroes before us would ask God when to take the step of faith. But after Jesus came, the Holy Spirit became our prompter.**

Example:

- **In 1 Samuel 30:8, David had to ask the Lord if he should “Take a Step of Faith”:**
“Then David asked the LORD, “Should I chase after this band of raiders? Will I catch them?” And the LORD told him, “Yes, go after them. You will surely recover everything that was taken from you!”
- **⁹ So David and his 600 men set out, and pursued them.**
- **¹⁸ David got back everything the Amalekites had taken, and he rescued his two wives. ¹⁹ Nothing was missing: small or great, son or daughter, nor anything else that had been taken. David brought everything back. ²⁰ He also recovered all the flocks and herds.**

- **In John 16:13, bible says:** “When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth.”
- **Romans 8:14** “For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.”
- Brethren, today, it is the Holy Spirit that tells us when to “Take a Step of Faith.” We need to listen and follow through.
- As we have seen, in all cases, once we Take a Step of Faith, we succeed.
- Any time you are challenged in your journey, ask the Holy Spirit “**what step of faith should I take?**” **Write it down and DO IT.**

Some Forms of “Step of Faith”:

- Persistent prayer, Special offering, Special Fasting, Prayer of decree, Action – a do, Commanding prayer, warfare prayer, Rebuke, Special time of prayer, etc.
- **1 king 3:4** “The most important of these places of worship was at Gibeon, so the king went there and sacrificed 1,000 burnt offerings.”; **Gen 26:25** “Isaac built an altar there and called on the name of the LORD”; Acts 3:6 “Silver/gold I do not have, in the Name of Jesus rise and walk”
- Brethren, let us take leverage the moments and “**Take a Step of Faith**”. **GOD BLESS YOU!**