

More Precious than Gold

The Six Phases of Faith – Part 1

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Hebrews Chapter 11

“Let it be done for you according to your faith.”

Matthew 9:29

“Anything is possible if you have faith.”

Mark 9:23 TLB

Phase 1. A _____

Hebrews 11:8-9; 33

Now to Him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us...

Ephesians 3:20

It is impossible to please God without faith.

Hebrews 11:6

Phase 2. _____

...ask in faith without doubting. For the doubter is like the surging sea, driven and tossed by the wind.

James 1:6

1. You must invest
2. You must let go of security

Phase 3. _____

“...these things I plan won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day!”

Habakkuk 2:3 TLB

Delays never destroy God's _____.

A delay is not a _____.

Phase 4. _____

*There is wonderful joy ahead, even though the going is rough for a while down here. **These trials are only to test your faith**, to see whether or not it is strong and pure. It is being tested as fire tests gold and purifies it – **and your faith is far more precious to God than mere gold...***

1 Peter 1:6-7 TLB

Phase 5. The _____ - _____

We were completely overwhelmed – beyond our strength – so that we even despaired of life. Indeed, we personally had a death sentence within ourselves, so that we would not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead.

2 Corinthians 1:8-9

I am expecting the Lord to rescue me again, so that once again I will see His goodness to me here in the land of the living. Don't be impatient. Wait for the Lord, and He will come and save you! Be brave, stouthearted, and courageous. Yes wait and He will help you.

Psalms 27:13-14 TLB

Phase 6. _____

He has delivered us, and... He will deliver us. We have put our hope in Him that He will deliver us again.

2 Corinthians 1:10

FAITH STORIES

Noah (Genesis 6-9)

Abraham (Genesis 12-22)

Joseph (Genesis 37-45)

Moses (Exodus 2-15)

David (1 Samuel 16-32)

Jesus (John 14-20)

**All scriptures from HCSB unless otherwise noted*