

**Defining Moments**  
**Living At The Intersection Of Faith And Fear**  
*"When It Doesn't Make Sense"*  
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Whether we know it or not, we all live by faith. At times it's easy. Other times it is difficult. We have no trouble having faith in that which we understand. It's in the moments of life that just don't make sense that it can be difficult. Our default is often fear. God desires faith. A God sized faith!

*Hebrews 11:7 "It was by faith that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before. By his faith Noah condemned the rest of the world, and he received the righteousness that comes by faith." (NLT)*

### **Living A God Sized Faith**

1.

**God desires**

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**• Separation From The World**

*John 15:18-19 "If the world hates you, remember that it hated me first. The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, but you are no longer part of the world. I chose you to come out of the world, so it hates you." (NLT)*

**• Closeness With God**

*James 4:8 "Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world." (NLT)*

2.

**God Requires**

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**• Obedience = Action**

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*James 1:22-25 “But don’t just listen to God’s word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. For if you listen to the word and don’t obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don’t forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.” (NLT)*

### • **Obedience Comes Out Of Relationship**

*1 John 2:3-5 And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. If someone claims, “I know God,” but doesn’t obey God’s commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. But those who obey God’s word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. (NLT)*

*Genesis 6:9 “This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, the only blameless person living on earth at the time, and he walked in close fellowship with God.” (NLT)*

3.

### **God Promises**

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#### • **God Blesses The Faithful**

*Luke 6:22 “What blessings await you when people hate you and exclude you and mock you and curse you as evil because you follow the Son of Man.” (NLT)*

*Galatians 6:8-9 “Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up.” (NLT)*

#### • **God Meets All Need**

*Matthew 6:31-33 “So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.” (NLT)*

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