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The Need for Increased Faith

Life is a journey of peaks and valleys, much like waves on the ocean. We rise to great heights, only to descend into challenging lows. In these moments, our faith is tested, and we're called to remain focused on what truly matters. Just as a boat on turbulent waters rises and falls with each wave, we too experience the ebb and flow of life's circumstances. The key to remaining afloat? Keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.

It's easy to marvel at the miracles in others' lives, but when we face our own storms, we often grapple with a whirlwind of emotions, experiences, and external pressures. In these crucial moments, we must make a choice – will we sink into doubt or rise in faith?

The Bible reminds us that "faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). This unseen reality is what we're called to cling to, especially when the visible world seems to contradict our hopes and prayers.

Consider the story of Jesus walking on water. When Peter stepped out of the boat, he momentarily defied the laws of nature through his faith. But as soon as he took his eyes off Jesus and focused on the raging storm, he began to sink. How often do we find ourselves in similar situations, allowing the chaos around us to overshadow our trust in God?

The good news is that even when we falter, Jesus is quick to reach out and lift us up. His grace, mercy, and patience are endless, constantly working to refine and strengthen our faith. We're all on a journey of growth, learning to trust Him more fully with each passing day.

The apostles understood the magnitude of their calling – to establish the doctrine of the early church and face persecution for their faith. Recognizing the enormity of this task, they pleaded with Jesus, "Increase our faith!" (Luke 17:5). They knew that to fulfill their mission, they needed a faith that could withstand imprisonment, torture, and even martyrdom.

In our modern context, we too need increased faith. As Christianity becomes increasingly marginalized in many societies, we must have the courage to stand firm in our convictions, even when it's unpopular or dangerous to do so. This requires a faith that goes beyond simply enjoying

the benefits of salvation; it demands a willingness to deny ourselves, pick up our cross, and follow Jesus wholeheartedly.

- **To increase our faith, we must first learn to think faith.** Philippians 2:5 encourages us to "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." This means actively discarding negative thoughts and meditating on God's Word. By focusing on the miracles and promises found in Scripture, we reinforce our belief that what God has done before, He can do again – and even more.
- **Next, we must hear faith.** Romans 10:17 tells us that "faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." While it's important to stay informed about world events, we must be cautious not to let the constant barrage of negative news drown out God's voice. Instead, we should intentionally expose ourselves to messages of hope, testimonies of God's faithfulness, and the life-giving words of Scripture.
- **Seeing faith is another crucial aspect of growing our trust in God.** Hebrews 12:2 encourages us to fix our eyes on Jesus, "the author and finisher of our faith." In a world obsessed with material possessions and temporal success, we must train our spiritual eyes to see beyond the visible and focus on eternal realities. By seeking first the Kingdom of God, we position ourselves to receive all that we need in this life and the next.
- **Lastly, we must work our faith.** James 2:18 challenges us to demonstrate our faith through our actions. It's not enough to simply profess belief; our lives should be a testament to the transforming power of God. This means actively serving in our local churches, mentoring others, and being a light in our communities. By putting our faith into action, we not only strengthen our own spiritual muscles but also provide tangible examples of God's love to a watching world.

As we navigate the complexities of life, it's essential to surround ourselves with people who will encourage and strengthen our faith. We must be discerning about the voices we allow to influence us, seeking wisdom from those who have walked faithfully with God and can speak truth into our situations.

For the men reading this, there's a special call to step up and embrace your God-given roles as providers, protectors, and spiritual leaders. Society may downplay the importance of strong, godly men, but your influence is crucial in your families, workplaces, and communities. Don't be afraid to stand firm in your convictions and lead by example, even when it's challenging or unpopular.

Remember, God understands the pressures and struggles you face. He's not calling you to perfection, but to perseverance. When you feel overwhelmed or inadequate, turn to Him for strength and guidance. He can supernaturally sustain you and your loved ones as you commit to following His ways.

In conclusion, developing unsinkable faith is a lifelong journey that requires intentional effort and unwavering commitment. By thinking, hearing, seeing, and working our faith, we position ourselves to weather life's storms with confidence and grace. As we keep our focus on Jesus, we'll find that even in the midst of turbulent waters, we can walk on waves of impossibility, demonstrating to the world the incredible power of a faith that refuses to sink.

So, let us encourage one another to press on, to trust God even when we can't trace His hand, and to live in a way that reflects the hope we have in Christ. For it is in these moments of choosing faith over fear that we truly experience the transformative power of God in our lives and become living testimonies of His goodness and faithfulness.

In Christ Alone,

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