BULDING

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 (NLT) So we keep on praying for you, asking our God to enable you to live a life worthy of His call.

May He give you the power to accomplish all the good things your faith prompts you to do.

Then the name of our Lord Jesus will be honored because of the way you live, and you will be honored along with Him. This is all made possible because of the grace of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ.



God's Love

Obedience (Faith)

God's Promises

God's Love

Ephesians 6:16-17 (NLT) In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Deuteronomy 33:29 (NLT) 29 How blessed you are, O Israel! Who else is like you, a people saved by the Lord? He is your protecting shield and your triumphant sword!



Three Faith Basics

> Faith is a gift from God



Ephesians 2:8 (NIV)
For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—



Three Faith Basics

- > Faith is a gift from God
- > God expects us to live by faith



Hebrews 10:38 (NIV)
"But My righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back."

Three Faith Basics

- > Faith is a gift from God
- > God expects us to live by faith
- > God rewards our faithfulness



Hebrews 11:6 (NIV) ...without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.





Hebrews 12:2 (NIV)
...fixing our eyes on Jesus,
the pioneer and perfecter of
faith,

Our faith is strengthened when:

- 1. We see Christ in action around us
- 2. We see Christ in action in us
- 3. We see Christ in action through us



Any time Christ seeks to help us grow our faith, He is going to bring us to a crisis of faith that demands action.



Galatians 2:20 (NIV) I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.