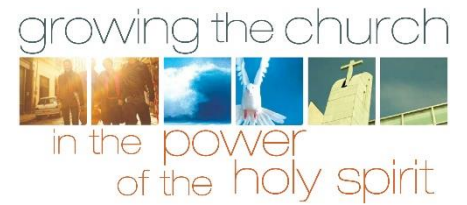


Video 3C

Step #3. Faith Clothed in Obedience; Opening the Door to God's Activity



Faith is the conviction that God can and will act, and is evidenced by actions based on that trust. Faith expressed in action saw Peter walk on water, and saw him be an active participant in the healing of the Temple-steps beggar. Faith leads us to be willing to take risky steps of obedience, drawing us into the realm of depending on God where he may work supernaturally. We look at how leaders can grow this mountain-moving faith and obedience in the congregation.

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Faith opens the door to God's activity

Mary

“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.”

Luke 1:38

Abraham

“You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.” **James 2:22**

God's astonishing self-limitation

- ❖ The pivotal role of Martha's faith (John 11:25-26)
- ❖ The absence of faith in Nazareth (Mark 6:1-6)

Martha (John 11:38-43)

- ❖ Incremental steps of obedient faith

Paul (Philippians 4:6 ; Acts 16:16-39)

- ❖ Praise & thanksgiving as an expression of trust

Nurturing obedient faith in the congregation

1. Begin in the place of prayer
2. Tell the stories of obedient faith
 - ❖ Scripture (Romans 15:4)
 - ❖ Testimony (Psalm 145:4)
3. Lead people out of their depth

“If you want to walk on water, you've got to get out of the boat”

John Ortberg