



Faith That Goes Forward

Week 1

Day 1: Standing at the Edge

Reading: John 14:1-14

There is a moment in every person's life when belief is no longer theoretical. You are no longer watching from a distance. You are standing at the edge, looking down, and the question is no longer whether you trust God in general but whether you trust him right now, in this moment, with this specific step. Jesus told his disciples not to let their hearts be troubled, and then he made an extraordinary promise: anyone with faith in him would do even greater things. Not the select few. Not the spiritually elite. Anyone. That promise belongs to you. The edge is not the end. It is the beginning.

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Reflection Questions:

- Where in your life are you currently standing at the edge, hesitating to take a step of faith?
- What would it look like to trust God's promise of "greater things" in your specific circumstances today?
- What is the difference between waiting on God and simply delaying out of fear?

Practical Application:

Write down one area of your life where you have been hesitating. Beneath it, write the words "God is greater than this." Carry that with you throughout the day as a reminder that the promise of John 14 is not reserved for someone else.

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Day 2: Burning the Plows

Reading: 1 Kings 19:15-21

Elisha did not ease his way into his calling. He burned the equipment, fed the community, and walked away from the life he had always known. What makes this remarkable is not just the boldness of the act but the completeness of it. He left nothing to return to. Many of us want to follow God while keeping one hand on the plow, just in case things do not work out the way we hoped. But genuine obedience rarely comes with a safety net. Elisha's fire was not reckless destruction. It was a declaration that his future was no longer tied to his past. That same declaration is available to you today.

Reflection Questions:

- What are the "plows" in your life that you are holding onto instead of surrendering fully to God?
- Is there a difference between wisdom and hesitation in your current season of faith?
- What would burning your plows actually look like in practical terms for your life right now?

Practical Application:

Identify one thing you have been unwilling to release to God. Spend five minutes in honest prayer, telling God specifically what that thing is and why you have been holding on to it. Ask him for the courage to loosen your grip.

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Day 3: The Weight of Expectations

Reading: Isaiah 43:18-19

God declares in Isaiah 43 that he is doing something new and asks whether we can perceive it. The challenge embedded in that question is significant. It implies that a new thing can be happening and we can completely miss it because we are too focused on what has already occurred. Our past experiences are powerful teachers, but they can also become powerful limitations. When every day looks the same, it becomes increasingly difficult to believe that God intends something different for tomorrow. The invitation here is not to ignore the past but to refuse to let it set the ceiling for what God can do. He specializes in making ways where there are none.

Reflection Questions:

- In what ways have past disappointments shaped what you currently expect from God?
- Are there areas where you have stopped looking for God to move because experience has taught you not to expect it?
- What would it mean to actively look for evidence of God's new work in your everyday surroundings?

Practical Application:

At the end of today, write down three moments, however small, where you noticed God at work. Train your eyes to look for the extraordinary hidden inside the ordinary.

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Day 4: Obedience Before Understanding

Reading: Proverbs 3:5-6 and Hebrews 11:8

Proverbs 3 describes a posture of trust that leans entirely on God rather than on personal comprehension, with the promise that he will direct the path. Hebrews 11 offers a striking illustration of this truth: Abraham obeyed God's call to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, and he went without knowing where he was going. He did not have a destination. He had a direction. That distinction matters deeply. God rarely hands us a detailed map before asking us to move. He asks us to take the next step, and then the one after that. Complete obedience does not require complete understanding. It requires complete trust.

Reflection Questions:

- Is there something you sense God calling you toward that you have delayed because you do not yet have all the answers?
- What is the difference between seeking wisdom before acting and using the need for clarity as an excuse not to move?
- How does the example of Abraham challenge or encourage your current walk of faith?

Practical Application:

Take one concrete step today toward something you have been postponing because you did not feel ready. It does not have to be large. It simply has to be forward.

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Day 5: Living Worthy of the Calling

Reading: Ephesians 4:1-7 and Ephesians 3:20-21

Paul's words in Ephesians 4 are both a challenge and an invitation. He urges believers to live a life worthy of the calling they have received. That calling is not abstract. It lands in specific places: your workplace, your home, your school, your neighborhood, the ordinary and sometimes exhausting settings of your daily life. Ephesians 3 reminds us that God is able to do immeasurably more than anything we could ask or imagine, through his power working within us. The greater life is not somewhere out there waiting for circumstances to change. It is accessible right now, in the life you are already living, if you are willing to stop settling for safe and start walking in the fullness of what God has placed on your shoulders.

Reflection Questions:

- What would it look like to live a life worthy of your calling in the most specific and practical sense this week?
- Are you living as though God's power is actively working within you, or are you operating in your own strength and calling it faith?
- What is one decision you can make today that moves you from a good enough life toward a greater than life?

Practical Application:

Return to what you wrote on Day 1. Read the area where you identified hesitation. Now write one specific, actionable decision beneath it. Not a feeling. Not a hope. A decision. Then make it.