

Day 5

Walking by Faith

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:1–16

Key Verse

"And without faith it is impossible to please Him..."

Hebrews 11:6

Today's Devotional

Every significant step of obedience requires faith.

When Abraham left his homeland, he did not know where God was leading.

When Noah built the ark, no one had ever seen a flood.

When Moses stood before Pharaoh, he had no military strength behind him.

When Joshua marched around Jericho, the strategy made little human sense.

Yet each one acted because they trusted God.

Faith is not wishful thinking.

Faith is confident obedience based upon the character and promises of God.

Sometimes we misunderstand what faith looks like.

Faith is not pretending difficulties don't exist.

Faith is acknowledging the difficulties while believing that God is greater than every one of them.

Launching another worship service requires faith.

Praying for God's choice of an Associate Pastor requires faith.

Reaching new families requires faith.

Trusting God for future growth requires faith.

But perhaps the greatest act of faith is simply believing that God will remain faithful because He always has.

When we look back over the history of Riva Trace Baptist Church, we can see countless evidences of God's faithfulness.

He has provided when needs arose.

He has comforted grieving families.

He has strengthened marriages.

He has saved sinners.

He has sustained His people through seasons of joy and seasons of difficulty.

The God who has been faithful yesterday will be faithful tomorrow.

Faith grows as we remember.

Take a few moments today to reflect upon specific ways God has demonstrated His faithfulness in your own life.

Then thank Him.

Confidence for tomorrow grows from remembering His faithfulness yesterday.

Think About It

1. Where is God asking me to trust Him today?
2. Am I allowing fear to influence my prayers?
3. What evidence of God's faithfulness have I seen during the past year?

Today's Prayer

Lord,

Strengthen my faith.

Help me trust Your promises more than my fears.

Thank You for every evidence of Your faithfulness in my life and in our church.

Lead us confidently into the future You have prepared.

May our confidence always rest in You.

Amen.

Today's Fast

Fast from worrying.

Whenever anxious thoughts arise today, immediately turn them into prayer.

Pray Philippians 4:6–7 throughout the day.

Prayer Focus

Pray that our congregation will move forward in faith rather than fear as God opens new opportunities for ministry.