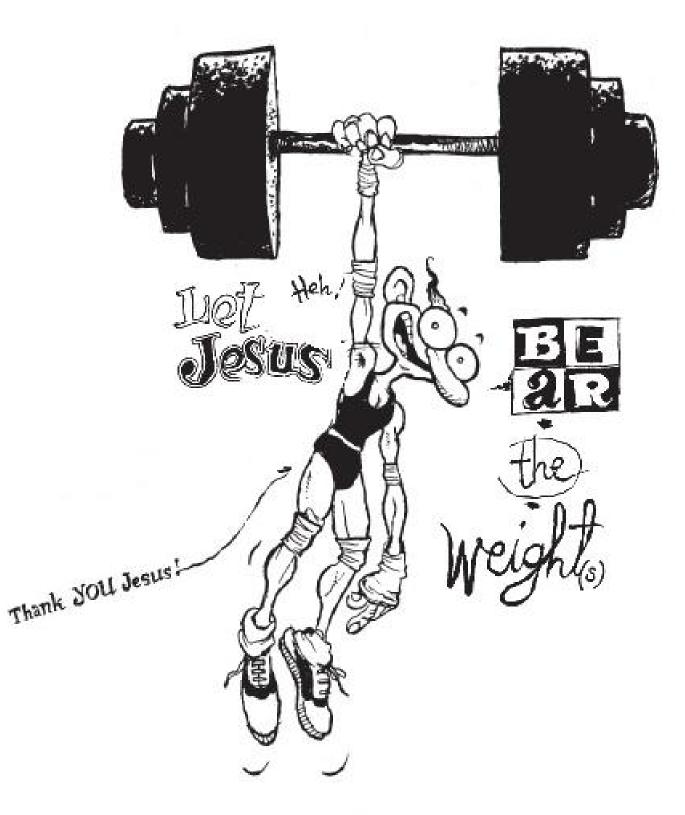
How to Increase Your Faith



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Building Your Faith

You need great doses of faith to hold on to in those trying times, and that comes from the Word and from doing all the things that are required of disciples, such as minimizing the influences of the world, fighting to take on My perspective in every test, taking on My mind more, memorizing, talking about the Word, and so on. These things equip you with the kind of solid foundation that you'll need when you're in the fires of testing and it doesn't look like you're coming out any time soon.

Another good way to build your faith is in the area of intercessory prayer. It's good to build your faith by continuing to pray for situations even when you think they're beyond hope or help, and continuing to send prayer power in that direction until I answer the request. I may not answer each request in the way you thought I would, but I do promise to always bring an answer, a resolution, and much good in the process.

You must pray things through to completion, even when you're tested and it's two steps forward and one backwards, or two steps up and one down, or whatever the case. Practice exercising more faith by praying full-of-faith prayers regardless of the physical circumstances. Practice putting your faith and trust in Me into words. Keep stretching your faith to believe that I am working and bringing the answer, even though it takes a long time.

Prepare by stretching your faith and becoming tenacious in the battles you face here and now if you hope to endure some of the long battles that are ahead. If you find yourself regularly losing the fight now, giving up in spirit or losing the faith over small things, how will you hope to stand in the days that are coming?

You have to build your faith by trying not to lose it so quickly in these days of relative ease. Take things in stride more, have more faith, expect more answers, and all of these things will serve you well in the future. You can't lose the victory so often with small things or you won't have it for the big ones. For example, if you get the flu and it lingers, even though you pray over it and also do what you can in the natural, make a conscious effort to fight better this time than you did in the past, to not wonder and question why I haven't healed you as quickly as you wanted to be healed, and not let the Enemy in with his doubts, such as, "Why aren't the keys working for me? Why am I still sick?"

Trust Me instead and ride out the storm. The health of your faith is much more important than the health of your body. Your spiritual faith will sustain you and pull you out of many more tight spots than will the health and strength of your body. So strengthen that part of your life. Strengthen the part that really counts and don't let yourself hit the breaking point of discouragement and doubts early on in the fight. There's never a good time to lose the faith and give up the fight, figuring that I, your Husband and Protector, have just decided to sit this one out, and that no reinforcements are on their way. There is always an answer coming, so it's always worth standing and fighting for as long as it takes to get there. But without the right kind of faith, you're not going to be able to hold out all that time. Without a pure belief that if I say so, it is so, you're going to give up.

So work on your faith! Read My Word, and practice stretching your faith every day through prayer, through strengthening your weak areas, through attacking your doubts, and holding on while you hold Me to My Word. Really put some effort into it. Don't quit just before the finish line. Hold out! Endure! And great will be your reward.

Remember Job? He said, "Even though He slay me, yet will I trust Him!" That's the kind of faith you need to have; that's the kind of endurance you need to have, whether you see the victory immediately or not. You've got to be willing to fight, no matter how long the battle goes on, because you're a soldier in My army and you know I will ultimately win the battle.

If you go down fighting, it's worth it! That's a battle well fought. That's a victory won! You never completely lost faith and gave in; you never quit, you never stopped fighting. Maybe that's My calling for you, to fight to the end, to be a sample of faith and courage and endurance.

Maybe your lot is not to be healed. Maybe you will not come back to full health from this illness. So what? Does it matter? It may matter to you because you didn't plan your life this way, but who's really in charge, you or Me? If I see fit to deliver you, then praise Me that you live to fight another day. If I choose to deliver you from this life through this battle, then praise Me for that release. Never doubt Me if you don't see what you wanted come to pass. Thank Me anyway and keep fighting till your last breath or till you get healed or delivered.

You're My soldiers, and some of the battles I'm going to call you to in the future will require that endurance and the faith that you just have to keep on fighting, even if the battle seems as if it will never end and the victory seems as if it won't be realized within your lifetime on Earth. ⁽¹⁾

Here are some of the main ways that you can strengthen your faith and rise above the circumstances that might try to drag it down:

* Take the Word into your life. Drinking in the Word, absorbing it deep within you on a daily basis, and allowing it to become a part of your life is the most important thing that you can do to boost your faith. "Faith cometh by hearing the Word of God" (Romans 10:17).

* Live the Word. Living the Word plays a huge role in the strengthening and effectiveness of your faith. Your faith will be as active as your obedience to the Word. On the other hand, disobedience encages your faith--confines and limits it. When you're disobedient, you cannot have faith that I will bless you or that I will answer your prayers. Disobedience locks up your faith, but confessing your faults, asking for My forgiveness, and starting fresh will set your faith free to once again expect great things from Me.

* Employ willpower. Faith requires action. Faith means effort. "Faith without works is

dead" (James 2:26). It takes work to put your faith into action, to take a stand of faith. So don't take the easy way of letting things remain as they are, but have the willpower to put your faith into action.

* Use the positive power of praise. Praise is the voice of faith. Praise invites the fruits of faith into your life. When you praise, it's like pumping up your muscles of faith. Praise prepares your faith for the job at hand: calling down miracles and expecting results.

* Overcome discouragement. When you're discouraged, you're not praising. Praise strengthens your faith. Discouragement puts your head in the mud instead of lifted to the sky of My promises. Discouragement threatens your faith and eats away at it, which is why it must be fought against with praise.

* Eradicate fear and doubt. You must not entertain fears that your faith will fail if you put it into action. Fear and faith cannot coexist; if you pray a prayer of faith, but harbor fear in your heart, then you lack real faith. Will you feed your faith or your fear? Faith is not surprised when I answer; faith expected it. Faith doesn't even consider the possibility of defeat or failure. Faith knows. Is your faith that strong, that durable? If not, maybe your heart is too full of fears and doubts. Those must be eradicated through the fumigation of My Word if you really want your faith to grow and flourish.

* Accept My love and expect great things. You can't have faith if you don't feel worthy of asking for more or greater things from Me, or if you figure that while I may have done a miracle for so-and-so, I can't possibly do the same for you. I don't play favorites; what I did for others, I will do for you too--according to your faith (Matthew 9:29). Every promise in the Bible can be yours, whether you feel worthy of it or not. If you do your part to have faith and meet My conditions, I'll do My part to fulfill the promise. Why don't you apply some of those promises despite your feelings and give Me a chance to prove Myself to you? You are worthy simply because I have deemed you worthy. Now, expect great things from Me!

* Rise above physical situations and conditions. Do not allow the way things seem in the physical realm to overwhelm you and hinder your faith. You must focus on Me and My power instead. There are difficulties, there are impossibilities, there are huge needs and sometimes setbacks. Then there's Me, the God of the universe, Who supplied the entire world with water, plants, animals, life, time, order, seasons, and much more, in only six days. Weigh your needs against My greatness and remind yourself that I am more than able. Then ask of Me, focusing only on My ability, and I promise that there will be nothing too hard for Me to do for you.

* Allow Me to work in your life in the way I deem best. Learn to recognize the way that I use things in your life to strengthen your faith, and yield to them. Grow through the tests that come your way. Hold on when you're going through tough times, and let Me strengthen you. Choose to get the most mileage that you can out of whatever battles you face by looking to Me, by hearing from Me, and by fighting, and then receiving the enhanced faith and confidence that I give you once the battle is over. If you make the right decisions, then the battles and tests and trials of life strengthen your faith rather than weaken it. ⁽²⁾

Build your faith. Is your faith strong? Unfortunately, many of you are of the opinion

that faith only grows when you see My hand work miracles, or when something outstanding happens that proves that I am still very active in My miracle-working abilities. However, faith is built by faithful study of My Word. And your faith also increases when you obey My Word.

Your faith shouldn't be easily discouraged by circumstances or situations. Faith believes that I will come through. It relies utterly on Me. You should be confident that I am able, because you have faith in Me. If your faith is lacking and you're not fully relying on Me, then you need to work on strengthening your faith--creating a vacuum for Me to fill and having the faith that I'll fill that void. Study the Word on the subject of faith; note the areas that your faith is weak in, and strive to grow in faith. Wield the keys of faith aggressively and with utmost conviction that they work. ⁽³⁾

The Word Connection!

The greatest increase to your faith comes through the Word. Faith is built through your intake of My Word. But it is more than just taking in the Word that will increase your faith. You must learn to drink it in and absorb it, making it a part of your life, in order for the Word to take full effect in enlarging your faith.

One of the greatest lacks in boosting your faith is if you read the Word without really applying it to your life and striving to make your life a living testimony of My words. Learning to set aside the time to spend with Me and being faithful to it is only the most basic step in your faith-strengthening program. That aspect of your faith-building program is akin to signing up for a workout program and then showing up each day at the gym.

However, really getting a good workout goes beyond your mere presence; you have to actually follow the workout regimen if you expect to see results. You have to be committed to lift weights to increase your strength, to do something to get your heart pumping in order to feel the benefits of a cardiovascular workout. Often it means pushing yourself a little more than you feel you're capable of, which will gradually increase your strength and stamina.

The same is applicable to faith. Just reading the Word will benefit you to a degree, but if you're not really focusing, studying it, and putting your energies toward finding that truth that I want to speak to you about for the day, then you're not getting the full spiritual workout that you need that will increase your faith muscles.

The Word is the basis of faith enhancement, and that should be the first place you look when you find that your faith is running low or just doesn't seem to be as strong or progressively growing as it should be. ⁽⁴⁾

Fight for your faith. Covet My Words daily and do not allow the Enemy any place, any voice, any thought, any influence in your heart. Fight, by continually submitting yourself to Me, by verbally telling Me that you are willing to do My will, that you choose My will, not your own. Then the power will come, and Satan will flee when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees. You will send your adversary packing, and he will flee! He has no power over

you. You will be free of fear. Fear will have no hold or power over you because you will have given yourself to Me. You must make the commitment not to give place to your feelings, emotions, or any negative thoughts that come to you. You must hold on to My Word, knowing that in so doing your obedience and trust will bring the victory.

You have My Words in abundance--new, old, and the living Word. You have the keys of the Kingdom that enable you to overcome all impossibilities. But before any of this will take place, you must give Me your will. You don't have to worry about what that means; you don't need tons of faith to do it; you just need to be willing. If you have a willing mind, just say the words, and I will do the rest. ⁽⁵⁾

(Dad speaking:) With everybody's eyes focused on the problems, how can they even see the solutions? How can they even find the solutions if all they can see are problems, problems, problems? The problems steal away their faith. It's the Enemy who wants to blow the problems all out of perspective! It's the Enemy who wants to cause them to think about the problems, to lose faith because of the problems, and to lose courage to serve the Lord because of the problems.

You've got to take your eyes off the problems and fix them on the Lord and His Word and His promises, and remember and remind yourself constantly, and remind those 'round about you, that the Lord has the solutions and He knows and He cares and He loves!

You must have the Word if you want to have the Lord's perspective, if you want to have faith and hope and courage to face the problems. How do you think you're going to get it unless you spend time with the Lord and let Him speak to your heart and mind?

That's where the real power is!--Power to change, power to bring about solutions, power to increase faith. It's all in the Word!⁽⁶⁾

Take Time with the Lord and Hear from Him

The most important thing you can do is to get your time with Me first thing in the morning, in the early hours, if possible. Once you've done that, everything else will fall into place and be clearer. When your burdens have been lifted and your cares have been cast upon Me, your vision will be clearer and you will know where to direct your attention, your time, and your energies.

Through this time of our communion, first thing every day, you'll also grow in faith and in strength. You'll have greater willpower. You'll have greater conviction to deal with things according to their priorities rather than according to your desires. It all comes back to our time together first thing in the morning. Once this is in place and in order, all the rest will fall into place and be clear. ⁽⁷⁾

The plan My Father gave Me was simple. If I was going to be successful, if I was going to have the strength and stamina, the faith and the wisdom to accomplish My mission, I would have to take time with Him every day. I would have to get away from not only the

crowds, but even My closest friends, for a few moments of personal time in the quiet, free from distraction and alone with My Father, where I could listen and hear clearly from Him.

This is why I got up early and went out to pray before the busy day began. This is why I would often hide away or go out to the hills--so I could have this time to look to Heaven and get My direction for the day. This is how I was able to have the strength and the wisdom to carry out My ministry. This is how I was able to work miracles, and how I was able to give answers to those who asked Me questions--because I heard from My Father first and I got My directions from Him. ⁽⁸⁾

Don't make a move without hearing from Me. Listen to My voice and live the truth I reveal to you. Do the things I tell you to do, doubting not. This will strengthen your faith and lift you above. ⁽⁹⁾

You will grow in faith and confidence as you come before Me to receive My direction and guidance, and then proceed according to how I'm leading you. ⁽¹⁰⁾

As you listen to Me, your heart will grow softer, your faith will grow, and you'll be able to do things you never imagined. ⁽¹¹⁾

The more the Family has tapped into the power of prophecy, the more they want! They've learned the power of hearing My directions and leaning on the power of My Spirit, and thus many have sharpened their weapon of prophecy and are following Me more closely than ever before. This in turn has defeated the Enemy's further attacks on My children, for he has not been able to get past their wall of faith, and this has been a great victory of My spiritual protection in their lives. ⁽¹²⁾

Make it easy on yourself and let Me do the guiding, let Me do the driving, let Me take over the controls as you sit back and relax. Let Me take the strain and the pressure off the situation. Let Me smooth out the rough spots. Let Me make the ride smooth, relaxing, comfortable, and easy for you.

Of course, not all things in life will be perfect and without difficulties, but use these things to let Me draw close to you, to put Me to the test, to see what I can do for you and how I can help you through. There will be times when things are more difficult. But if you do your part and seek Me, as you acknowledge Me in all your ways and hear from Me in prophecy, then I can direct your paths. I can give you specific direction and counsel to help you through the difficult situations, as I have promised in My Word. After you've done your part and heard from Me in prophecy, then you need to learn to relax and let Me take over. You must trust that I will perform what I have promised, even during those times when I may tell you that you must simply hold on to Me, have patience, and wait for Me to smooth out the difficulties and resolve the situation. This takes faith, and in some situations it takes great faith. But that's what I expect of you, My dear children who walk closely by Me, who know Me intimately, who desperately seek to do My will. ⁽¹³⁾

The Spiritual Weapons Along with the Keys Are to Increase your Faith

What am I trying to accomplish by giving you the spiritual weapons and training you in their use? I'm giving you avenues to partake of strength, wisdom, insight, and anointing. I'm giving you access to My mind. I'm putting at your disposal all the spirit help you'll ever need to win any battle you might come up against. I'm giving you tools that will cleanse you and protect you from the negative influences of the world. I'm giving you a way to rise above the problems and difficulties and to keep My perspective. I'm giving you ways to strengthen your faith. ⁽¹⁴⁾

Greater faith will come by using the keys. Call on the power of the keys and your faith will grow. ⁽¹⁵⁾

Seeing the doors the keys unlock will help your faith to grow. ⁽¹⁶⁾

Other Ways to Increase Your Faith

Build your faith by regularly spending time with Me in the bed of love--reading and meditating on My Word and applying it to your life, resting in Me and casting your cares on Me, and loving Me intimately as My bride, speaking words of love to Me and receiving My seeds, which are manifested later in the form of prophecy. ⁽¹⁷⁾

I've never failed in one word of all My good promises. Stop and think back on the promises I've made to you, and thank Me for how I've fulfilled them. Let that strengthen your faith as you look ahead to the next challenges. Seek Me for My Words of promise for each challenge you face. Ask Me to tell you how I'm going to work, and then hold Me to those promises until I have done it. ⁽¹⁸⁾

There's power in the spoken word, for it becomes a testimony or declaration of faith; it has creative power, and it can push back the lies of the Enemy.

If you reach out and say something, even a little word of positiveness, then you'll begin to grow in faith and yieldedness and you'll make progress.

The Enemy will fight these steps of faith because he knows that through such steps of yieldedness he'll lose ground in your heart and mind. ⁽¹⁹⁾

Witnessing is very important, not only for the sake of those you witness to but even for your own sake. When you witness and pour out to others, you not only give them My Word and My truth, but it also comes back to you and greatly strengthens your faith and your convictions. Never underestimate the spiritual power that you receive when witnessing to others. ⁽²⁰⁾

Let your faith grow by allowing some things to take care of themselves without direct intervention from you. $^{\rm (21)}$

Unconfessed sin destroys your faith. In destroying your faith, it destroys your force field of spiritual protection. So having a clean heart before Me is a prerequisite for strengthening your spiritual walls of defense. ⁽²²⁾

Taking this stance and approach to life, learning to live your convictions and make the right choices because it's what you personally believe in, is going to strengthen your faith. It requires that you get down to the core of your faith, to see where it stands, to strengthen it if necessary, and then base your decisions on that faith. It's going to make you a stronger, more effective disciple. It's going to cause the things you do to be more powerful and more personally fulfilling, because you'll be doing them out of a firm personal belief in what you stand for and what you know I expect of you. ⁽²³⁾

Stretching Your Faith

When you become familiar with the way you perceive yourself to be, and you think certain things aren't doable for you personally, this is the greatest hindrance to really pulling down My power for you. You tend to put yourself, with all your personal limitations, in a box, with a sign that reads, "I can do most things You ask of me, but some things just aren't attainable. Note the ceiling on my box. Please don't ask more of me than You can see I can do." And then when it seems that I do ask something of you that in your mind or heart you seem to have resolved is beyond you, then you start to worry that I'm not looking out for your good or your welfare. You've put limits on what I can ask you to do, or what you've resolved you can or want to do.

I ask you, with the deepest love I can express, to let yourself break loose. Don't look at the walls you're encased in, thinking, "Thus far and no further--that's all I really can do." Break a hole in it and face the light in the sky above! That's really where you can reach to, with Me and My power.

If you get offended because I ask certain difficult or near-impossible things, according to your perceptions, this greatly hinders Me being able to use you to your full potential. Reach for the stars and let nothing stop us! Situations--no matter what they are--will never be too hard for you. It's like working with weights. When you first start and are rather weak, you may look at people using 10 or more pound weights and think that must be super hard. But as you see, if you work up to it, it's no harder for them than it is for someone starting off with three pounds who's not used to it.

Let Me bolster your faith and give you courage to reach what I know to be attainable,

though it may seem so far for you to reach. I can give you the faith to face anything that you have to encounter, and the wherewithal to see it through. Medals will be yours for the encounters you will face, claim My help for, and live through.

Don't shy away from hard things, but face them with a sense of joy, because you will get to know more how I can come through. Each hard thing that you face is or can be another opportunity to see a side of Me that you knew was there but haven't yet seen in full action. Let Me show you amazing things, things out of this world, by going through with and tackling what I lead you in, or what is placed before you.

Men or women who wither in the face of that which they think is unattainable never get to see triumph. They may see it one day, through another who fought that battle they chose to pass up. But when one lets Me use them, and they see the victory before their own eyes, yet more strength is given to them. Faith in Me to see them through all impossibilities builds the muscles of the men and women of faith, and they will go on to see yet greater impossibilities conquered. Courage is a result of faith that one can do it, or is at least willing to try. And when it's done, the faith grows yet more--and thus the willingness to conquer, in faith, greater foes. Such are My men and women of faith--going forth, with Me beside them, conquering and to conquer. ⁽²⁴⁾

Let your mind stretch. Your faith is almost always limited by your mind and what you are willing to accept as possible. Push the barriers back. ⁽²⁵⁾

You must rise above the "I can't" cloud. "I can't" is a dark cloud that keeps many people hiding indoors for fear of the rain and storm. It's a cloud that tells you, "This is the end. You can't go above, and there's nothing beyond this." But you just have to determine by faith, walk by faith, soar by faith into the dark cloud, seeing nothing, knowing that the answer is above and beyond the cloud. Once you break through, you'll see the sun and know that it was possible, and then the next cloud will be easier to go through.

Keep going by faith. Your will and determination will play a major part in how quickly you progress. Determine and do. Know that it is possible. All things are possible, and you can do all things. No one achieves anything without effort and trying and pushing themselves beyond what they think they can do. No one wins by strolling along. No one wins the race by never training and never pushing their limits until their limits become the norm. And then they push for new limits! This is how champions are made. They are made--by hard work and pushing! ⁽²⁶⁾

You, My children, who have already been exercised in matters of faith, must now learn to stretch your faith farther and farther if you don't want to be caught in one of the Devil's traps in these Last Days. You can do this by exercising your faith more. Put it into play often. Demonstrate it daily to those around you and to the world. Refuse to give in to impossibilities.

Now is the time when you must begin stepping out and exercising your gift of faith to a greater degree by putting it into action, by going to work on the plan of this new era! Step

out and prove there are no impossibilities to a man or woman who depends on the power of God! Stretch your faith to greater measures. Take greater leaps of faith every day and defy any and all impossibilities that get in your way.

I've given you the "Ask Me Everything" plan to "watch, pray, listen and receive." You're moving along on this, learning to make this a part of your everyday lives. Now I ask you to amplify this vision--I ask that you "watch, pray, listen, receive, and do!" "Watch, pray, listen, receive, and take action!"

Use your faith, stretch your faith, work your faith; put your faith to use by putting it into action, by stretching it, by taking action. Go to work proving there are no impossibilities to the man or woman filled with My Spirit who acts in faith, believing My promises. ⁽²⁷⁾

Don't be afraid to welcome tests and experiences that stretch your faith. And even if afterwards you look back at the situation or challenge and feel that your faith didn't really quite meet the mark, so what? You still haven't lost, because you've grown from the experience. You may not see or understand how you've grown, but you will nevertheless receive the reward of faith no matter what the outcome, and the reward of faith is growth. I always reward those who step forward, stretching their faith, trusting in Me and My promises, even if they feel that the knees of their faith might give way under them.

One thing's for sure: Faith is an adventure! It's the adventure of a lifetime, and it will be a lifetime of thrilling rides and ups and downs, taking you to heights--and even depths at times--that will both make you and take you into the Millennium and beyond. After all, that is what faith is fashioning you for: your destiny in ruling and reigning on Earth, something even the angels of Heaven have not been given the training for. Only you--My Own--who have experienced the trials and tests of the faith life here on Earth will be given that high honor and reward.

So don't be afraid of any of those leaps of faith that I've promised you are ahead, My loves; you'll be ready for them when it's the right time. It won't be anything that you will have to conjure up or work up in yourself. You'll just know it's time, because I will flood your heart with all that you need to make that leap. ⁽²⁸⁾

If you ask in faith, you will receive My answers sooner or later. Stretch your faith even further. Ask Me for the impossible things! Pray for the impossible; believe Me for the impossible. Start expecting the impossible. ⁽²⁹⁾

Stretch your faith to ask for things that seem difficult or impossible, to ask questions that seem unanswerable, and watch your faith grow as you see My answers! ⁽³⁰⁾

Faith doesn't just happen; it grows from reading the Word and stretching the faith you have by putting it into practice. it is divine and it can be given to you supernaturally, but in most cases I prefer that you work for it rather than Me just giving it to you out of the blue. ⁽³¹⁾

You might be the only one willing to take a risk, but if you truly believe it's of Me, then

don't be afraid to. When you let Me stretch your faith to do something difficult, something that might not even be in character for you to do, then you give Me the opportunity to do something truly wonderful in your life. ⁽³²⁾

Don't be wary of a little stretching. Part of the "God factor" is being willing to let Me stretch you spiritually, to push you a little past your comfort zone to see whether you'll rely heavily on Me. Be willing to stretch your faith, even when it hurts a little, and to trust that stretching is part of growth. In these Last Days, the more you stretch, the better, because it keeps your spirits limber, agile, and flexible--qualities that I need My disciples to have. ⁽³³⁾

You have to keep moving, keep overcoming lethargy, keep stretching your faith, keep accepting change and welcoming the new. ⁽³⁴⁾

Stretch your faith. Let it grow. Ask for something that seems too big, too difficult, almost ridiculous. Ask in faith. Ask for something you need. Ask for something that you know is impossible without divine intervention. Do it today! Do it now! Watch it happen! ⁽³⁵⁾

I expect you to not be bound by what has been, but to reach beyond the bounds and limitations of what you have already experienced and know to be possible, into Heaven and the realms that I've told you are possible, but that may have never been explored before. The limits and bounds of nature and of the spirit are only broken by the men and women of faith who loose their moorings, hoist their sails, and steer toward unknown horizons. ⁽³⁶⁾

Follow your faith, while asking Me to stretch your faith and exercise it. I love your faith, and I love it when you work in accordance with your faith, because when you exercise your faith, it grows.--And as it grows, the more you come to realize that anything is possible. ⁽³⁷⁾

Be a crazy dreamer! To get great things from God, you have to have great dreams! Think big, ask big, do big! And the way you do that is by having crazy faith to go along with those crazy dreams. If you never step out to do the extraordinary, you'll be forever stuck in the monotony of the average, the run of the mill. ⁽³⁸⁾

Faith is not something you feel; it's something you do--an action which gets results. Stretch your faith, exercise it, and you will not be disappointed. ⁽³⁹⁾

I won't send more than you can manage. I might stretch you, and I might give you more than you think you can manage. But that's where faith comes in. If you think you can do it, where's the faith in that? You've got to trust that the victory is in Me. And as long as you keep fighting to overcome, I will keep winning through you.⁽⁴⁰⁾

When you believe and ask Me to stretch your faith, I will blow away anything that

stands in your way, solve any problem, and open and close doors for you. Find My perfect will, believe it, and claim it, and I will work miracles for you. ⁽⁴¹⁾

In order to help you to grow in faith, and to put you in just the right position so that you'll be able to accomplish the greater works that I have promised, I must ask you to do things and to go places that can seem a little overwhelming at first, even scary. But when you humbly follow Me, you never have to worry or fear.

Even when I require you to leave the comfort and safety of your past experience and to sail out into the vast, open waters of the unknown future, you can always have perfect peace and faith, knowing that I won't let your boat sink. ⁽⁴²⁾

The call has been sounded clearly. The standard has been set high. It is good for My children to have to reach high in order to stretch their faith and their vision. In the days of the approaching End, they will find themselves in great need of the faith that they have gained through having to stretch themselves in making an effort to be the yielded and dedicated disciples that I am asking of them. This is all a part of My training and My will so that My children will be fit and strong to weather the Last Days which are nearing by the day. ⁽⁴³⁾

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