

God Demands Faith from His Children

Scripture

“. . . The LORD [is] with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you” (2 Chronicles 15:2 NKJV).

Commentary

We are very foolish when we think that God is obligated to do our bidding for us when we are unwilling to do for Him. For “. . . without faith [it is] impossible to please [Him], for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and [that] He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him” (Hebrews 11:6 NKJV).

The truth is much of the difficulties we suffer are by God’s design to force us or at least encourage us to walk by faith. “[S]o that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us” (Acts 17:27 NKJV).

The problem is we tend to be takers instead of givers. Therefore, God asked us to lay down our lives, and in return He would save them (Mark 8:35). The question is what does it mean to lay down your life?

That could mean a lot of different things. One day it might mean stepping out in faith to share the Gospel with a hurting soul. Another time it might mean something as simple as being late to a meeting because you refuse to violate the law of the land by speeding. Then again it might mean risking death because you refuse to denounce the name of Christ.

The point is there are always choices. God wants us to make good choices no matter what the consequences could be. As it is written, “. . . The just shall live by faith” (Romans 1:17)!

So take a look at the past few days, and ask yourself, “Have I taken the faithful way or the risk free way?” If you don’t like the answer, don’t despair just start making better choices. Remember, God has said, “And you will seek Me and find [Me], when you search for Me with all your heart” (Jeremiah 29:13 NKJV).

Prayer

Father, lead us in the way everlasting. Uphold us by your mighty arm. Give us the courage to do what is right even when it looks like it might cost us something in this world, and comfort us when it does. Be glorified in everything we do for you are worthy to be praised, amen.