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2019.12.15 (Sunday) Devotion Title: [Faith That Persists Above Feelings]

"It was by faith that Moses left the land of Egypt, not fearing the king's anger. He kept right on going because he kept his eyes on the one who is invisible" (Hebrews 11:27 NLT).

There is a strong belief in our culture that influences every one of us, whether we want it to or not: If it feels good, do it. But when you allow yourself to be manipulated by your moods, you are living your life according to your feelings. God wants you to live a different kind of life. He wants you to live a life of feelings.

We don't always feel like doing the right thing. I don't know about you, but I don't always feel like being nice to people. I don't always feel like washing the dishes with my wife. I don't always feel like stopping what I'm doing to help someone.

But God can give you the kind of faith that persists above feelings.

Anybody who's successful at anything does things they don't feel like doing. An Olympic athlete exercises when she doesn't feel like it. A great musician practices his craft, even when he's tired. If you're going to be a great salesperson, you make calls that other people don't feel like making.

If you want to deepen your relationship with God, you have to spend time with him even when you don't feel like it. People who have a regular, consistent quiet time with God didn't get there because every morning they woke up and wanted to spend time with God. They got there because they woke up and spent time reading the Bible and praying even if they were tired or didn't feel like it.

Faith is being persistent. Faith is refusing to give up no matter how tired you are or how many other things you think you should or wish you could be doing.

The Bible talks about how you can begin to develop persistence in your

life through the example of Moses. Hebrews 11:27 says, "It was by faith that Moses left the land of Egypt, not fearing the king's anger. He kept right on going because he kept his eyes on the one who is invisible" (NLT).

That's how you get there. That's how you persist — you begin to see the invisible. Only those who see God for who he really is can persist in the most difficult times of life. Only those who see the invisible can do the impossible. Believe in faith what God can do in your life, and thank him in advance for how he is going to work.

Talk It Over

- What is the danger in living your life according to your feelings?
- What changes might help you persist in a regular quiet time with God?

What do you need to see about God that will help you persist in

faith?		

2019.12.15 (週日) 靈修

題目: [超越感覺的信心]

「他因着信,就離開埃及,不怕王怒,因為他恆心忍耐,如同看見那不能看見的主。」(希伯來書 11:27)

無論我們是否接受文化中「如果感覺好,就去做」的信念,它影響著我們每一個人。但是當你容許自己被情緒操縱,你就是隨著感覺而活。神要你活出不同的生命。祂要你活出信心的人生,而不是感覺的人生。

我們不總是「想做」正確的事。我不知道你們怎樣,但我並不一 直想要對人友善、心甘情願地幫助妻子一起洗碗,或是停止手上 的工作去幫助人。

然而神能夠給你超越感覺的堅忍信心。

任何成功的人都要做「不想做」的事。奧運選手即使不情願也必 須操練;大音樂家在疲累時仍要習藝。若要成為優秀的推銷員, 你會致電給那些同行不想接觸的人。

如果你想要更加親近神,即使不情願,也要分配時間來到神的面前。那些恆常靈修的人,並不是因為「想要」每日早起與神共處。 他們是即便疲憊或不情願也會早起,騰出時間來讀經和禱告。

信心是堅持不懈。信心是無論你多麼疲憊,無論你自認該做或但 願能做的其他事有多少,你拒絕放棄。

聖經教導我們如何效仿摩西培養生命的堅忍。希伯來書 11:27 說:「他因著信,就離開埃及,不怕王怒,因為他恆心忍耐,如同看見那不能看見的主。」

你也要如此行。要這般堅定不移——你開始看見人所不能看見的。 只有那些看見神本相的人,才能在人生最艱難的時刻堅定不移; 只有那些看見「不能看見的」,才能做到「做不到的」。憑著信 心信靠神能在你生命中成就的丁,並為此預先感謝祂。

生命反思

중국 사가 선수를 그

- 依據感覺而活的危險是什麽?
- 什麽樣的改變可能幫助你堅持與神固定的靈修?
- 你應該看見神哪些本性來助長自己堅忍的信心?

盤修革記		
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2019.12.16 (Monday) Devotion

Title: [Faith Produces Persistence]

"We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed" (2 Corinthians 4:8-9 NLT).

Faith unlocks the promises of God, it shows us the power of God, it turns dreams into reality, and it gives us the power to hold on in tough times.

God doesn't always take you out of the problem. He stretches your faith by taking you through the problem. He doesn't always take away the pain. He gives you faith-filled ability to handle the pain. And God doesn't always take you out of the storm because he wants you to trust him in the midst of the storm.

I remember reading the stories of Corrie ten Boom, a young Dutch Christian who helped many Jews escape the Holocaust before being sent to Nazi concentration camps. After World War II ended, she said that the people who lived through those camps were those who had the deepest faith. Why? Because faith gives you the power to hold on in tough times. It produces persistence.

Study after study has shown that probably the most important characteristic you could teach a child (and that you need in your own life) is resilience. It's the ability to bounce back. It's the ability to keep going. Nobody goes through life with an unbroken chain of successes. Everybody has failures and mistakes. We all embarrass ourselves. We all have pain. We all have problems. We all have pressures. The people who make it in life have resilience.

Do you know how many times I've wanted to resign as pastor at Saddleback Church? Just about every Monday morning! I say, "God, it's too big. It's too many people, too much responsibility. I'm not

smart enough. What am I supposed to say to that many people? Get somebody else who can do a better job than this."

This is the testimony of Paul, a great man of faith: "We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed" (2 Corinthians 4:8-9 NLT).

Talk It Over

- What is God's purpose of adversity in your life?
- How has faith helped you persevere through a difficult time in your life?

"Faith doesn't always take you out of the problem. Faith often takes you through the problem." How will this truth shape the way you

respond to the problems you face right now?

2019.12.16 (週一) 靈修

題目:[信心生忍耐]

「我們四面受敵,卻不被困住;心裏作難,卻不致失望;遭逼迫,卻不被丢棄;打倒了,卻不致死亡。」(哥林多後書 4:8-9)

信心會開啟神的應許,展示祂的大能,使夢想成真,並在艱難的 時刻給我們堅持下去的力量。

神不總會把你從問題中解救出來,祂藉著領你走過問題來擴展你的信心。祂不總會帶走痛苦,卻會給你充滿信心的能力來面對痛苦。神不總會把你從風暴中帶出來,因為祂希望你在風暴中能信 靠祂。

我讀過一位年輕的荷蘭基督徒彭柯麗(Corrie ten Boom)的故事,她在被送進納粹集中營前,幫助許多猶太人逃過大屠殺。第二次世界大戰結束後,她說:能夠在集中營存活的人是那些信心最深的人。為什麼?因為信心使你有力量在艱難的時刻堅持下去;它產生毅力。

多項研究一再顯示 , 你可以教導孩子最重要的特質(也就是你自己生命中需要的)是韌性 , 是反彈的能力 , 是繼續前進的能力 。沒有人一輩子一帆風順 , 每個人都有失敗和錯誤。我們都有羞於啟齒之處 , 我們都有傷痛 , 我們都有問題 , 我們都有壓力 。那些能夠熬過的人就具有韌性。

你知道我有多少次想辭去馬鞍峰教會牧師一職嗎?差不多每個星期一的早上!我說:「神啊,這教會太大了。它有太多人、太多的責任。我不夠聰明,我應該對這麼多會眾說什麼呢?請另找一個比我更勝任的人吧。」

然而神說:「繼續前進。」

你從哪裏得到繼續前進的韌性?就是信心,就是相信神在任何時刻都可以做一些改變你生命方向的事,而你不想錯過它,所以要繼續往前。要相信當你學習倚靠神來成就祂賦予你的人生使命時, 祂會及時供應你所需要的一切東西。

這是信心偉人保羅的見證:「我們四面受敵,卻不被困住;心裏作難,卻不致失望;遭逼迫,卻不被丟棄;打倒了,卻不致死亡。」(哥林多後書 4:8-9)

生命反思

- 神使你生命中遭遇逆境的目的是什麼?
- 信心如何幫助你堅忍地跨過生活中的難關?
- 「信心不一定讓你擺脫困境,但它會帶領你走過問題。」這個真理如何幫助你面對現在所面臨的困難?

整修聿記			

2019.12.17 (Tuesday) Devotion Title: [Waiting Is Essential to Your Faith]

"After waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised". (Hebrews 6:15 NIV).

When you're waiting on God, remember that you're in good company.

Billions of saints before you have sat in God's waiting room. You're not alone. In fact, if you're in the waiting room right now — maybe you're waiting on a job, on an answer, or on a prayer — there are a lot of other people around you who are in that same situation.

Hebrews 11:2 says, "People who lived in the past became famous because of faith" (ICB) — and every one of those people had to wait.

Think about Hannah, who had to wait years to have the baby that she was praying God would give her.

Think about Joseph, who had a God-given vision of being a ruler from a very young age but spent years in a prison for a crime he did not commit.

Think of Moses, who wandered in the wilderness for 40 years while he waited to receive his next assignment and to know his purpose in life

Think about Noah, who waited 120 years before it rained.

God waited thousands of years before sending the Messiah. We get in a hurry. But God is not in a hurry. Waiting is essential to your faith.

Hebrews 6:15 says, "After waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised" (NIV).

Talk It Over

- How does being in community with other people help you persevere through the waiting periods of life?
- What are some of God's promises that you can claim while you are waiting?

• Why is waiting essential to your faith?

2019.12.17 (週二) 靈修

題目: [等候與信心]

「這樣,亞伯拉罕既恆久忍耐,就得了所應許的。」(希伯來書 6:15)

當你在等候神的時候,要記得一同等候神的大有人在。

有億萬聖徒在你之前已坐在神的等候室裏,你並不孤單。事實上,如果你現在正在等候室裏——也許你在等待一份工作,一個答案,或在禱告中——你周圍有很多和你有同樣處境的人。

希伯來書 11:2 說:「古人在這信上得了美好的證據。」——那些人中的每一個都必須等候。

想想哈拿,她必須等待多年才能生下她向神祈求而來的孩子。

想想約瑟,他從很小的時候神就賜他一個統治者的異象,但卻因 為一個他未曾犯過的罪在監獄裏度過了好幾年。

想想摩西,當他等待接受下一個差遣並明白他的人生使命時,已 在曠野漂流了 40 年。

想想挪亞,他等了120年才下雨。

在差遣彌賽亞之前,神等候了幾千年。我們會著急,但神不會。 等候對於信心至關重要。

「這樣,亞伯拉罕既恆久忍耐,就得了所應許的。」(希伯來書 6:15)

生命反思

- 在團體中與他人相處能如何幫助你在人生的等待時期堅持下去?
- 在你等候時,在哪些方面你可以宣告得著神的應許?
- 為什麼等候對於你的信心至關重要?

靈修筆記	

2019.12.18 (Wednesday) Devotion Title: [What Faith Does to Your Dreams]

"Glory be to God, who by his mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of — infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes" (Ephesians 3:20 TLB).

Faith turns God-given dreams into reality. Nothing happens until somebody starts dreaming!

The Bible is full of people who had God-given dreams. Abraham dreamed of being the father of a great nation. Moses dreamed of setting God's people free. Joseph dreamed of saving a nation and his own family. Throughout Scripture, there are all kinds of people who were inspiring dreamers, like Daniel and Paul and David.

Ephesians 3:20 says, "Glory be to God, who by his mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of — infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes" (TLB).

Now, if there were ever a "blank check" verse in the Bible, that's it. God is able to do far more than we would dare to ask. What are you afraid to ask God for? He is able to do far more than you could even dream of.

I don't know about you, but I'm a pretty big dreamer. I can think of some pretty big dreams I've had in my lifetime. God says, "Warren, think of the greatest thing you could ever dream of, the greatest thing you think I could do in your life. Guess what? I can top that."

If there were tears in Heaven, it would simply be because we would get there and realize all the things that we could have done if we had just believed God a little bit more. To me that would be Hell! Hell for me would be seeing everything I could have accomplished and become as a husband, a father, a friend, and a pastor if I had just

believed God a little bit more.

But there aren't any tears in Heaven, and God gives you everything you need right now to accomplish what he has planned for you. I challenge you to dream big about your relationships, your marriage, your family, your career, and your ministry to others. Your faith can turn those dreams into reality, because God is able to do far more than we would dare to ask or even dream of.

Talk It Over

God is able to do far more than we would dare to ask. What are you afraid to ask God for — and why?

When have you seen a friend or family member fulfill a God-given

- Why do you think God requires faith to fulfill our God-given dreams?
- dream? How did that inspire or encourage you?

2019.12.18 (週三) 靈修

題目: [信心與夢想]

「神能照著運行在我們心裏的大力, 充充足足地成就一切, 超過 我們所求所想的。」(以弗所書 3:20)

信心能將神所賜異夢變為現實。一定要有人開始得異夢,不然什麼事都不會發生!

聖經中充滿了神賜異夢的人。亞伯拉罕得異夢成為多國之父,摩 西得異夢讓神的子民自由,約瑟得異夢拯救民族和他的全家。聖 經中有各種各樣鼓舞人心的得異夢者,就像但以理、保羅和大衛。

以弗所書 3:20 說:「神能照著運行在我們心裏的大力,充充足足地成就一切,超過我們所求所想的。」(以弗所書 3:20)

現在,如果聖經中有一節如同「空白支票」一樣的經文,就是這句了。神可以做的遠遠超過我們所求的。你還在害怕向神求嗎? 祂能做的遠超過你所求所想的。

我不知道你怎麼樣,但我是一個很有夢想的人。在我有生之年, 我可以想到一些很大的夢想。神說:「華理克,想想你夢寐以求 的最偉大的事情,你可以想到我在你的生命中能夠成就最偉大的 事。你知道嗎?我總能超越它。」

如果天堂裏有眼淚,那僅僅是因為當我們到達那裏才意識到:如果能多一點信靠神,我們原本可以成就各樣的事!對我來說那簡直是地獄!地獄對我而言,就是看到作為一個丈夫,父親,朋友和牧師,倘若當初更多信靠神,我本當做成每一件事。

但是天堂裏沒有眼淚,神現在就賜給了你一切所需,用來完成祂

計劃要你成就的事。我願激勵你在人際關係、婚姻、家庭、事業 和你的宣教事工上追求更大的夢想。你的信心可以將這些夢想變 為現實,因為神所能給你的,遠超過你所求所想的。

牛命反思

- 神能做的遠超過我們所求所想的。有什麼是你懼怕向神求的?為 什麼呢?
- 為什麼你認為神要求有信心才能成就神賜給我們的夢想?
- 你有見到過你的朋友或者家人實現了神所賜給的夢想嗎?這對你有什麽啟發和鼓舞?

靈修筆記			

2019.12.19 (Thursday) Devotion Title: [Your Faith Can Move Mountains]

"Have faith in God! If you have faith in God and don't doubt, you can tell this mountain to get up and jump into the sea, and it will. Everything you ask for in prayer will be yours, if you only have faith" (Mark 11:22-24 CEV).

Faith opens the door to miracles. If you study the Bible and history, you find that every time God moves on Earth and does a miracle, it's because somebody believed.

Jesus said in Mark 11:22-24, "Have faith in God! If you have faith in God and don't doubt, you can tell this mountain to get up and jump into the sea, and it will. Everything you ask for in prayer will be yours, if you only have faith" (CEV). Faith can move mountains!

God has set up the universe in a hierarchy of laws, and the law of faith is actually a higher law than the laws of nature. That's where miracles come in. Because when faith is used, the law of faith goes into practice, and the law of faith can actually do more than the laws of physics.

Does God still perform miracles today? Of course he does. Every time you stretch your faith, God does miracles — every single time. My question for you is this: What's the mountain in your life that needs to be moved? What's the thing you've already decided will never change? That's a self-fulfilling prophecy. But how do you know it won't change? Maybe God wants your faith to supersede the law of nature. He has in the past, and he is doing it today all around the world. God is in the mountain-moving business. Do not doubt or underestimate what he wants to do in your life.

Matthew 13:58 says, "[Jesus] did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith" (NIV).

You might say, "I don't see many miracles in my life." How would you answer this question: Are you seeing with eyes of fear, or are you seeing with eyes of faith? Faith opens the door to miracles.

Talk It Over

- What prayer need in your life have you given up on you believe things will never change?
- How do you think God wants you to start praying for that thing?
 What does he want you to do in faith?
 When have you seen with eyes of faith and not eyes of fear?

2019.12.19 (週四) 靈修

題目: [信心可以移山]

「你們當信服神。我實在告訴你們:無論何人對這座山說:『你 挪開此地,投在海裏!』他若心裏不疑惑,只信他所說的必成, 就必給他成了。所以我告訴你們:凡你們禱告祈求的,無論是什 麼,只要信是得著的,就必得著。」馬可福音 11:22-24)

信心打開奇蹟的大門,如果你研讀聖經和歷史,你會發現神每一次在地上行神蹟,都是因為有人信。

耶穌在馬可福音 11:22-24 裏說道:「你們當信服神。我實在告訴你們:無論何人對這座山說:『你挪開此地,投在海裏!』他若心裏不疑惑,只信他所說的必成,就必給他成了。所以我告訴你們:凡你們禱告祈求的,無論是什麼,只要信是得著的,就必得著。」信心可以移山!

神以法度鋪張諸天,而神蹟的出現是因為信心律高於自然律。這就是奇蹟的來源。因為當信心被運用時,信心律就付諸實踐,信心法則實際上比物理律能做的更多。

如今神還在創造神蹟嗎?當然。每次你伸展信心,神都會創造神蹟——每一次都會。我要問你:你生命中該被移動的那座山是什麼?什麼是你已決定無法改變的?這是一個自我應驗的預言。你如何知道它不會改變?也許神要你的信心超越自然律。祂過去做過,祂今日在全地仍在做這件事,神是移山的大能者。不要懷疑或低估祂想在你生命中做的事。

馬太福音 13:58 說:「耶穌因為他們不信,就在那裏不多行異能 了。」 你可能會說:「我的生活中並沒有見過什麼神蹟。」那你會怎麼回答這個問題:你是用懼怕的眼睛,還是用信心的眼睛來看的? 信心能打開奇蹟的大門。

生命反思

- 你在生命中因相信事情永遠不會改變而放棄過哪一項禱告需要?
- 你如何看待神要你開始為這件事禱告?祂要你憑信心做什麼?
- 你什麽時候能用信心的眼睛來看事情,而不是用懼怕的眼睛?

靈修 筆記		

2019.12.20 (Friday) Devotion

Title: [God Is Always on Time]

"Let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up" (Galatians 6:9 NLT).

In the waiting room of life, you can choose to trust God instead of panicking. You also need to remember two things: One, God is never in a hurry. And two, God is never late. God's timing is always perfect.

What happens in those times where it appears that God is late? God is getting you ready for a miracle!

There are so many examples of this in Scripture, including the story of Lazarus (John 11). Mary and Martha had a brother named Lazarus, who was one of Jesus' best friends. They lived in Bethany, which was just a few miles from where Jesus was on the day Lazarus got sick. They sent word to Jesus that his friend was gravely ill and asked him to come to them.

He could have easily been in Bethany in an hour or two. But it took Jesus three days to go about five miles. When he got there, they told him, "You're too late! We've already buried Lazarus."

Jesus wasn't late. Because Jesus already knew what he was going to do. His goal was not to heal Lazarus. His goal was to raise him from the dead. Jesus' goal was not to just make Lazarus well. His goal was to do a miracle of astronomical proportions.

Jesus walked up to Lazarus' tomb, told them to roll the stone away, and said, "Lazarus, come forth." And Lazarus did!

Sometimes God lets a situation get so bad that only a miracle will do. Don't give up your faith. Hold on. Keep praying and serving and going to small group. Keep sowing. Keep believing. Because you're getting ready for a miracle.

God already knows what he's going to do in your life next month, next year, and in the next decade, and his plan for you is good.

Talk It Over

- Where do you get the energy to go to small group and church and to keep serving when you're going through a difficult situation?
- God's plan for you is good. Why do you think bad things still happen to you sometimes?
- Take some time to write out a prayer to God that expresses how you want to grow and where you need help the most when you are in a difficult waiting period.

2019.12.20 (週五) 靈修

題目:[神總是準時]

「我們行善,不可喪志;若不灰心,到了時候就要收成。」(加 拉太書 6:9)

在生命的等候室裏,你可以選擇信靠神而不恐慌,你也應該記住 兩件事:第一,神從不匆忙;第二,神從不遲到。神的時間總是 最完美的。

當你覺得神遲到的時候是發生了什麼事呢?神正讓你為奇蹟做好 準備!!

在聖經裏有很多這樣的例子,包括拉撒路(約翰福音第 11 章)。 瑪利亞和馬大有個兄弟叫拉撒路,他也是耶穌最好的朋友之一。 他們住在伯大尼。拉撒路生病的那天,耶穌在離他只有幾英哩遠 的地方。他們就派人告訴耶穌祂的朋友得了重病,求祂到那裏去。

祂可以很輕鬆地在一兩個小時之內到達伯大尼,但是這五哩路花了耶穌三天時間。當祂到達的時候,他們告訴耶穌:「祢來晚了!我們已經把拉撒路埋葬了。」

耶穌沒有遲到。因為耶穌早就知道祂要怎麼做了。祂的目的本就不是治癒拉撒路,而是讓他死裏復活。耶穌的目的不只是讓拉撒路好了,而是行一個極大的神蹟。

耶穌走到拉撒路的墳墓,告訴他們將石頭滾開,然後說:「拉撒路,出來!」拉撒路就出來了!

有時候神會讓情況變得糟糕到只有神蹟才能解決。不要放棄你的 信心。堅持,繼續禱告,服事,去小組。繼續播種,繼續相信, 因為你正在準備迎接神蹟。 神早已知道祂將會在你人生中的下個月,下一年,下一個十年做 什麼,並且祂對你有一個美好的計劃。

生命反思

- 當你經歷困境的時候,你從哪裏得到力量繼續在小組或教會裏服事呢?
- 神對你有美好的計劃。你認為壞事為什麼還會在你身上發生?
- 花點時間寫出一個給神的禱告,向神表達當你身陷困境的等候期想要如何成長,最需要的幫助在哪方面。

靈修筆記		

2019.12.21 (Saturday) Devotion

Title: [When You Ask for Something, Believe God Will Answer]

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours" (Mark 11:24 NIV).

If I gave you a check today for a thousand dollars, would you withhold your thanks until you knew it wouldn't bounce? Anyone who knows me would think, "This is a pretty good guy. I'm sure he has enough in his account to cover it. I'll thank him right now." You'd thank me before you received the cash — and then you would take the check to the bank.

God's promises are better than any of our promises. Before we even receive what he has promised, we can say, "Thank you, God, that what you said is going to happen, will happen."

There's a great example of this in God's "Hall of Fame" in Hebrews 11. Remember Joshua and Jericho, where the walls fell down? How did they fall down? Hebrews 11:30 says, "By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days" (NIV).

The people of Israel were going into the Promised Land, where the powerful city of Jericho was located. God promised he was going to let the Israelites into the city and then gave them his plan: "I want you to go and march around Jericho for seven days. Then on the seventh day, I want you to march around the city seven times, thanking me for the victory that's going to come." And when they did that, the walls just fell. God did what he promised!

I've often thought, "What if I'd been one of those people marching around the walls for seven days?" Some of the people had to be looking at the walls, getting more and more worried and wondering how God could ever bring the walls down. But a lot of those people had faith instead. And every day they looked at the wall and thought about what God could do and thanked him in advance.

This is the kind of life that God wants you to live, the thanking-God-in-advance kind of life. Jesus talked about it in Mark 11:24: "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours" (NIV).

When you ask God for something, if you don't believe, then why even ask? It's an empty exercise. But if you pray and ask God for something, Jesus said, believe that he's going to do it. Thank him in advance for what only he can do. And then look for how he answers your prayer.

Talk It Over

• What promises from God are you claiming when you pray? How can you find more of God's promises?

What have you been asking God for? Do you believe that he will

- How does your prayer life reveal the depth of your spiritual maturity?
- keep his promises? Why or why not?

2019.12.21 (週六) 靈修

題目: [祈求,相信,神必回應]

「所以我告訴你們:凡你們禱告祈求的,無論是什麼,只要信是得著的,就必得著。」(馬可福音 11:24)

若是我今天給你一張千元支票,你會否等到兌現後才向我道謝? 所有認識我的人會這麼想:「華理克人品不錯,我肯定他的賬戶 有這筆數目,我現在就謝謝他。」你在收到現金前就會先感謝 我——然後才去銀行兌現支票。

神的應許比任何人的更加信實可靠。在我們尚未得着祂的應許之 前,我們可以說:「感謝主,祢應許我將要成就的,必定成就。」

希伯來書 11 章神的「名人榜」中有個極佳的例子。記得約書亞與耶利哥城牆倒塌的故事嗎?城牆是如何倒塌的?希伯來書 11:30 說:「以色列人因着信,圍繞耶利哥城七日,城牆就倒塌了。」

以色列人即將進入應許之地,那是堅固的耶利哥城所在之處。神應允幫助以色列人攻城,並把計畫賜給他們:「我要你們圍繞耶利哥城牆走七天。到第七天要繞城七趟,為將要到來的勝利向我感恩。」他們照著做,城牆就倒塌了。神成就了祂的應許!

我經常想:「若我是繞城走七天的其中一人會如何?」有些人看著城牆越走越憂心,不知神將如何推倒城牆;但也有許多人心中滿是信心。每天他們看著城牆,思想神的大能,並提前感謝祂。

這是神要你擁有的人生,一種預先感謝神的人生。耶穌在馬可福音 11:24 這樣說:「所以我告訴你們:凡你們禱告祈求的,無論是什麼,只要信是得著的,就必得著。」

你若祈求神,但是心中其實不信,那為何還要求問呢?這樣做毫無意義。主耶穌說若你禱告祈求神,就要相信祂必會成就。提前 先感謝只有神才能成就的事,然後察看祂如何回應你的禱告。

牛命反思

- 你禱告時宣告神的哪些應許?你如何能尋見更多神的應許?
- 你的禱告生活如何顯示你靈命的成熟度?
- 你曾經向神祈求什麽?你相信祂信守應許嗎?為什麽?

盤修聿記		