



Journey of Faith - Journey Inward

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On every journey there are stops to be made, and every stop signals a new stage of the journey. In this series, we will look at the Journey of Faith and help you identify each stage so you can know where you are and appreciate where others might be, as we move forward to "Become Disciples that Make Disciples of Christ."

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Faith is a verb, it is the action that drives or gives life to the relationship between us and God.

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James 2:17-20 NLT

17 So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. 18 Now someone may argue, "Some people have faith; others have good deeds." But I say, "How can you show me your faith if you don't have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds." 19 You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. 20 How foolish! Can't you see that faith without good deeds is useless?

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Santiago 2:17-20 NVI

17 Así también la fe por sí sola, si no tiene obras, está muerta. 18 Sin embargo, alguien dirá: «Tú tienes fe, y yo tengo obras». Pues bien, muéstrame tu fe sin las obras, y yo te mostraré la fe por mis obras. 19 ¿Tú crees que hay un solo Dios? ¡Magnífico! También los demonios lo creen, y tiemblan. 20 ¡Qué tonto eres! ¿Quieres convencerte de que la fe sin obras es estéril?

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6 Stages in the Journey of Faith

Stage 1 - Recognition of God

Stage 2 - Life of Discipleship

Stage 3 - Productive Life

Stage 4 - Journey Inward

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Mark 14:27-42, 66-71 NLT

27 On the way, Jesus told them, “All of you will desert me. For the Scriptures say, ‘God will strike# Greek I will strike. Zech 13:7. the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ 28 But after I am raised from the dead, I will go ahead of you to Galilee and meet you there.” 29 Peter said to him, “Even if everyone else deserts you, I never will.” 30 Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, Peter—this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny three times that you even know me.” 31 “No!” Peter declared emphatically. “Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you!” And all the others vowed the same. 32 They went to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and Jesus said, “Sit here while I go and pray.” 33 He took Peter, James, and John with him, and he became deeply troubled and distressed. 34 He told them, “My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.” 35 He went on a little farther and fell to the ground. He prayed that, if it were possible, the awful hour awaiting him might pass him by. 36 “Abba, Father,”# Abba is an Aramaic term for “father.” he cried out, “everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.” 37 Then he returned and found the disciples asleep. He said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Couldn’t you watch with me even one hour? 38 Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak.” 39

Then Jesus left them again and prayed the same prayer as before. 40 When he returned to them again, he found them sleeping, for they couldn't keep their eyes open. And they didn't know what to say. 41 When he returned to them the third time, he said, "Go ahead and sleep. Have your rest. But no—the time has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 42 Up, let's be going. Look, my betrayer is here!"

66 Meanwhile, Peter was in the courtyard below. One of the servant girls who worked for the high priest came by 67 and noticed Peter warming himself at the fire. She looked at him closely and said, "You were one of those with Jesus of Nazareth." 68 But Peter denied it. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said, and he went out into the entryway. Just then, a rooster crowed. 69 When the servant girl saw him standing there, she began telling the others, "This man is definitely one of them!" 70 But Peter denied it again. A little later some of the other bystanders confronted Peter and said, "You must be one of them, because you are a Galilean." 71 Peter swore, "A curse on me if I'm lying—I don't know this man you're talking about!"

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Marcos 14:27-42, 66-71 NVI

27 —Todos ustedes me abandonarán — les dijo Jesús —, porque está escrito:» «Heriré al pastor, y se dispersarán las ovejas». 28 Pero, después de que yo resucite, iré delante de ustedes a Galilea». 29 —Aunque todos te abandonen, yo no — declaró Pedro. 30 —Te aseguro — le contestó Jesús — que hoy, esta misma noche, antes de que el gallo cante por segunda vez, me negarás tres veces. 31 —Aunque tenga que morir contigo — insistió Pedro con vehemencia —, jamás te negaré. Y los demás dijeron lo mismo. 32 Fueron a un lugar llamado Getsemaní, y Jesús les dijo a sus discípulos: «Siéntense aquí mientras yo oro». 33 Se llevó a Pedro, a Jacobo y a Juan, y comenzó a sentir temor y tristeza. 34 «Es tal la angustia que me invade que me siento morir — les dijo —. Quédense aquí y vigilen». 35 Yendo un poco más allá, se postró en tierra y empezó a orar que, de ser posible, no tuviera él que pasar por aquella hora. 36 Decía: «Abba, Padre, todo es posible para ti. No me hagas beber este trago amargo, pero no sea lo que yo quiero, sino lo que quieres tú». 37 Luego volvió a sus discípulos y los encontró dormidos. «Simón — le dijo a Pedro —, ¿estás dormido? ¿No pudiste mantenerte despierto ni una hora? 38 Vigilen y oren para que no caigan en tentación. El espíritu está dispuesto, pero el cuerpo es débil». 39 Una vez más se retiró e hizo la misma oración. 40 Cuando volvió, los encontró dormidos otra vez, porque se les cerraban los ojos de sueño. No sabían qué decirle. 41 Al volver por tercera vez, les dijo: «¿Siguen durmiendo y descansando? ¡Se acabó! Ha llegado la hora. Miren, el Hijo del hombre va a ser entregado en manos de pecadores. 42 ¡Levántense! ¡Vámonos! ¡Ahí viene el que me traiciona!»

66 Mientras Pedro estaba abajo en el patio, pasó una de las criadas del sumo sacerdote. 67 Cuando vio a Pedro calentándose, se fijó en él.—Tú también estabas con ese nazareno, con Jesús — le dijo ella. 68 Pero él lo negó:—No lo conozco. Ni siquiera sé de qué estás hablando. Y salió afuera, a la entrada. 69 Cuando la criada lo vio allí, les dijo de nuevo a los presentes:—Este es uno de ellos. 70 Él lo volvió a negar. Poco después, los que estaban allí le dijeron a Pedro:—Seguro que tú eres uno de ellos, pues eres galileo. 71 Él comenzó a echarse

maldiciones.—¡No conozco a ese hombre del que hablan! —les juró.

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Characteristics of Stage 5:

Life of Faith Crisis (vs. 30, 33, 37, 68, 70-72)

Loss of certainties in Life and Faith (vs. 66-72)

Search for Direction not Answers (vs. 29, 72)

Apparent Loss of Faith (vs. 72)

Pursuit of Personal Integrity in relation to God (1 & 2 Peter)

God is released from a Box (Acts 2)

Here are some cages the enemy uses to get us spiritually stuck in this stage:

Always Questioning

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Philippians 4:6-7 NLT

6 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. 7 Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

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Filipenses 4:6-7 NVI

6 No se inquieten por nada; más bien, en toda ocasión, con oración y ruego, presenten sus peticiones a Dios y denle gracias. 7 Y la paz de Dios, que sobrepasa todo entendimiento, cuidará sus corazones y sus pensamientos en Cristo Jesús.

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Consumed by Self-Assessment

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Philippians 2:3-5 NLT

3 Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. 4 Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. 5 You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

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Filipenses 2:3-5 NVI

3 No hagan nada por egoísmo o vanidad; más bien, con humildad consideren a los demás como superiores a ustedes mismos. 4 Cada uno debe velar no solo por sus propios intereses, sino también por los intereses de los demás. 5 La actitud de ustedes debe ser como la de Cristo Jesús,

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Matthew 6:33 NLT

33 Seek the Kingdom of God# Some manuscripts do not include of God. above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

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Mateo 6:33 NVI

33 Más bien, busquen primeramente el reino de Dios y su justicia, y todas estas cosas les serán añadidas.

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How do move forward in this Journey of Faith?
Let go of your Spiritual Ego

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Matthew 20:24-28 NLT

24 When the ten other disciples heard what James and John had asked, they were indignant. 25 But Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. 26 But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. 28 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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Mateo 20:24-28 NVI

24 Cuando lo oyeron los otros diez, se indignaron contra los dos hermanos. 25 Jesús los llamó y

les dijo:—Como ustedes saben, los gobernantes de las naciones oprimen a los súbditos, y los altos oficiales abusan de su autoridad. 26 Pero entre ustedes no debe ser así. Al contrario, el que quiera hacerse grande entre ustedes deberá ser su servidor, 27 y el que quiera ser el primero deberá ser esclavo de los demás; 28 así como el Hijo del hombre no vino para que le sirvan, sino para servir y para dar su vida en rescate por muchos.

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Accept Gods Purpose for your Life

Jeremiah 29:11

Matthew 22

Matthew 28

Be willing to do Whatever it Takes to move forward

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