

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

## STRETCH YOUR FAITH

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### **WALKING BY FAITH**

The dictionary defines trust as “assured reliance on the character, ability, strength, or truth of someone or something; one in which confidence is placed.”

Trust is word we use in romantic relationships whereby a man and woman make a commitment to remain faithful to each other. Likewise, many business dealings have been settled with a handshake, each knowing the other party is trustworthy and will uphold their end of the agreement. So what does it mean to trust in the Lord?

- ❖ He is your Creator and He wants to be your Savior.
- ❖ He is the one who Calls you into ministry and Sends you out as well.
- ❖ He will Sustain your every need and Defend you should the need arise.

God wants to be your source and desires that you implicitly trust Him. **Proverbs 3:5-6**

So what if you're in a situation that threatens your health, relationship and/or finances? Trusting in God means you allow Him to work out an impossible situation while you patiently wait.

God specializes in the impossible but it takes faith to believe for a supernatural intervention. **Matthew 19:26; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10**

### **GETTING STRETCHED**

Your faith is like a rubber band. God is going to stretch you and ask you to do things that are difficult or seem downright impossible. **Hebrews 11:1-6**

God told Noah to build an ark. There were many naysayers but Noah continued steadfastly for 120 years until he was finished. Sometimes God will instruct you to do something and then watch silently as you carry it out. What has God called you to do?

Circumstances and feelings are used as weapons by the Devil to derail us.

- ❖ Cain was angry with God and took it out on his brother. **Genesis 4:3-8**
- ❖ Moses allowed his growing anger to cloud his mind and struck the rock when he should have spoken to it. **Numbers 20:7-12**
- ❖ Paul allowed his desire to see Jerusalem cloud his judgment and was not swayed even when God intervened. **Acts 21:10-14**
- ❖ How has Satan been able to use circumstances and feelings to derail you?

### **FAITH LIKE POTATOES**

Angus Buchan was a white Zambian farmer of Scottish origin who moved to South Africa to escape political unrest and worrying land reforms. With nothing more than a



trailer, the Buchan family struggled to settle in their new homeland and Angus began to spiral downward because of the challenges he faced trying to establish a farm.

He attended a local church and decided to rededicate his life to the Lord after hearing the testimonies of other farmers. His outlook completely turned around and supernatural occurrences begin to happen when Angus prayed in faith.

He began giving his testimony in different towns, and eventually gathered thousands of people in a soccer stadium for a time of prayer for the nation and for the land.

Traditionally a corn and cattle farmer, Angus decided to plant potatoes even though there was a drought. Despite the risk due to lack of irrigation, Angus made the decision to plant potatoes in the dry dirt and was rewarded with a crop of giant potatoes at harvest time.

## **SUMMARY**

There will come a time when God will stretch your faith. He will want you to simply trust Him. This is the time when you find out what you're made of spiritually.

God refers to Himself as the "I am," meaning that He is in the present of every situation. You won't find Him in the past or the future; He will be there for you right when you need Him. **Exodus 3:13-14; Psalm 46:1-3**

God has an impeccable record of keeping His promises. **Hebrews 6:13-20**

***Walking with God is not a sprint; run the race with endurance.***