

## A MINISTRY OF FAITH

When ministering to those we love & feel responsible for... What will walking by faith look like?

Those walking by faith....

- 1) ... "Will not lean on their own understanding," Emotions are high, spirits are low, life is spiraling down- seek God's direction & seek out godly counsel. (*Proverbs 3.5,6; 1 Corinthians 6.1-6, Hebrews 13.17*)
- 2)... once they know what God wants them to do, they will immediately & completely do it (*Genesis 6.22 Noah- contrast- Genesis 19.12-22 Lot*)
- 3)... if they are not sure as to God's direction or will, will pray, seek & wait for Divine clarity. (Don't try to guess what you think God might mean, don't try to figure out how something should or could be done, God will make it clear- *Isaiah 45.18,19; Ephesians 1.9... Wait! Psalm 37.7.... many problems will arise if you don't- Genesis 15.1-6, Genesis 16.... Learn from past mistakes- 1 Samuel 30.8*)
- 4)... when facing worsening conditions, insurmountable odds or impossible situations, will refuse to rule out the possibility that they just might be right on track (*John 16.1-4, 1 Corinthians 16.5-9, 2 Timothy 3.12-15, 2 Timothy 4.3-5*)
- 5)... are not afraid to completely hand over to God their loved ones, their future & their attempt at controlling both (*Genesis 22, 1 Samuel 1*)
- 6)... Will do whatever Scripture says no matter how intensely they may feel to the contrary! (Believing they never could be more righteous or loving than God- *Psalm 19.7-14, Psalm 119.41,68; 1 John 4.10 Job 13.15; 19.25,26; Luke 5.4-11*)
- 7)... Believe that God individually directs through godly convictions (*Romans 14, 1 John 3.21*)
- 8) ... won't necessarily give people what they want, but will always strive to give them God's best (*Acts 3.3-8, James 4.3, Matthew 7.11*)
- 9)... refuse to worry, rehash over or anxiously think about those things they have entrusted to God (*James 1.6, Philippians 4.6, Note: John 17*)
- 10)... will not put ministry or service on hold while waiting on rebellious loved ones to change, but will use the time to minister to the needy & hungry (spiritually speaking) God has placed around them (*Romans 9.1-5, 11.11,25-31; John 7.1-5,14,31; Luke 4.24-27*)

Final Note: One must desire that God be glorified more than that any expectation be fulfilled or any perception of perfection be realized. (*Luke 22.42, Daniel 3.13-18, Philippians 1.18-20*)

Remember only God's way is truly perfect & wholly best for everyone (*Genesis 18.25, Deut. 32.4*)  
As a believer you must ask yourself, do I wish to finish out the rest of my life in the flesh as "Lot" or in faith as "Abraham" (*Galatians 3.3,26,29; 1 Corinthians 3.11-15; Philippians 3.3*)