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DARING FAITH DOESN'T QUIT

*This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life." **Romans 1:17 (NLT)***

*"Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to God must believe that He exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek Him." **Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)***

*Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people home. After sending them home, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone. Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost" But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here!" Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water." "Yes, come," Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted. Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. "You have so little faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?" When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. Then the disciples worshiped him. "You really are the Son of God!" they exclaimed. **Matt. 14:22-33 (NLT)***

KEY LESSONS TO A LIFE OF DARING FAITH

1. It will call me to places I've never been, to do things I have never done.
2. It will at times defy my understanding.
3. It will at times call me to go it alone.
4. It will always lead me closer to Christ
5. It will unleash the miraculous power of God.
6. It will always lead to me to a greater faith.
7. It will always impact others.

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2 (BSB)

Going deeper on your own: Faith is multi-faceted: it is seeing everything in the world from God's perspective. Why is the way God sees things more important than the way we see them? Read Ephesians 1:8. Has there ever been a time that God opened your eyes to see something from His point of view? Why do you think God wants us to have faith? We often exaggerate our difficulties when we look at things with eyes of fear rather than eyes of faith. Most people don't have enough faith and are therefore pessimistic about big personal challenges. Has there been a time in your life when fear held you back? Being safe often feels better than doing something unpredictable and risky. What might God say to you about this? Compare how a problem in your life looks like through eyes of fear and how it looks like through eyes of faith in God. When was the last time you started out in an act of faith, yet it got harder than easier as you went along? Why do you think that happened? After you finished the journey what affect did it have on your relationship with God? If you are in the midst of such a journey now, what steps can you take to help you stay on course (see Hebrews 12:1-2)? Make a check list and then stick to it.