

The Story of Faith -

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We must be undergirded & strengthened by faith in a living God.

Faith is - personal fellowship with the living God & a deep confidence in His power & goodness.

Faith does - makes you able to { conquer doubts -
overcome temptation -
live victoriously - }

{ Problems -
Tasks -
Dangers -
Weaknesses - }

What can faith in God do for us today?

1. We come to know Him & enjoy fellowship with Him.
Life still a struggle but we know we are not alone.

2. Spiritual power is released in & thru us
It gives radical transformations in human nature
" makes men more Christlike in attitudes & actions
" " " " efficient in their work -
" " " " unselfish " " homes -
" gives wholeness & strength to discouraged & disintegrated
" reinforces men who are lonely & frustrated ~~one~~
with an inflow of energy & life -

Isa. "They that wait on the Lord shall renew ---"

3. Power for victorious living -

Conquered selfishness - greed -
" aimlessness - & love of comfort

They have gone where life was hardest - to ~~live~~ ^{to} persevere
& teach & heal & die for Him.

Martyrs - to minister



The same deep sources of spiritual power are available to us today -

Christ reveals the way of life -

" supplies the moral power that will enable us to walk His way -

" helps us fight the good fight of faith

" goes with us in the dark & hard places -

" " " " thru suffering - sorrow - death

" gives us strength { to bear our load
meet the tempter
banish fear
gain the victory over sin

Josiah Royce says that Christian faith enables a man to stand anything that can happen to him in the universe.

Courage is a product of Christian faith -

Confident reliance on the resources of God / banishes fear & enables a man to meet the shocks & blows of a turbulent time.

Faith in God was the source of Jesus' Confidence & Courage

" " " will gird us for heroic endeavor -

We can overcome fear of suffering, death, failure.

Browning's (quote) "One who never turned his back ---

Faith in Christ makes it possible for us to view the future with confidence & hope -



The future belongs to God -

The Christian feels solid ground under his feet -
& sees light ahead -

This faith delivers the friends of Jesus from despair

Time of conflict & suffering - dark days ahead -

But Christ dwells in our hearts by faith -

He will help us bear hardships & achieve victory

" " satisfy our deepest spiritual needs &
guide us in our heroic endeavors -

" This is the victory that hath overcome the world,
even our faith." (John) -

