

FAITH

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“Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?” (Luke 18:18b). Many years ago after reading this scripture, I had what I call a “Simon Peter moment.” The night before Jesus was to be crucified, Jesus told His disciples that they all would deny Him. Simon Peter boasted that though they all might deny Him he would never! He thought himself to be out of the realm of Jesus’ prediction. Being totally transparent, when I read Jesus’ words, “when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth,” I said within myself, “if I am alive You will!” That was my “Simon Peter moment.”

Nevertheless, it would be several years before it would become manifest that I had done such a thing. It was one day in December 2018 that the Lord said, “your thinking is not from faith.” Then I realized I was about to take a deep dive into the realm of faith, one which I had never known. On that December day, the Lord showed me true faith, and I have been masticating and ingesting it ever since. As He took me deeper, He said, “retaliation is not faith.” When we retaliate or take matters in our own hands, it is because we do not trust God to handle our problems. Simply put, we do not trust God’s hands! When we speak in self-defense, it is because we do not trust God to defend us! We even defend our reasons for faithless living without knowing that that is what we are doing.

My prayer for some time has been that God would make me better each day than I was the day before. If He is to do that for us, we must live a life of faith! It is not a twenty first-century faith; it is the faith of God! Our faith is derived from the faith of Jesus, “who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously” (1 Peter 2:23).

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Living by faith,
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