

# BETWEEN YOU AND ME...

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## Steps of Faith

Sometimes faith sounds so easy. All I have to do is listen to what God is saying, believe in his ability to carry out his promises, and go do what he says to do. The Bible is filled with inspiring stories of people of faith who heard God, took him at his word, and accomplished great things. How many times do we hear Jesus telling people, "your faith has healed you" (Matt 9:22). Or, the reverse is true, "And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith" (Matt. 13:58).

Faith seems so simple in theory but somehow becomes so complicated in practice. We take a step of faith in obedience to God's call on our lives then panic and second guess ourselves when things do not quite pan out as we thought they would.

We are inspired by our heroes of faith because we know the end of the story. It takes us minutes to read about God's call, their response, and the ultimate results of their faith. It seems so simple, so right to simply believe God and act on his call. The part we forget about are the endless days, months, years, even lifetimes that they waited to see the results of their faith. Even Abraham, one of the greatest examples of faith, took matters into his own hands when it seemed that God could no longer make good on his promise.

When we respond to God's call, it is essential that we persevere in obedience to his call on our lives rather than reacting to the perceived lack of results from our actions. In an age when instant gratification and immediate results are in high demand, patiently walking by faith may appear tedious and even foolish to those around us. Yet, it is only when we take steps of faith that we invite God to impact the world through us in his way and in his time.



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