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“Faith does not operate in the realm of the possible. There is no glory for God in that which is humanly possible. Faith begins where man’s power ends.”

- George Müller (1805-1898)

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*This book is dedicated to all of those who are
passionate to be used by God in the supernatural.*

She *was* dead.

"His wife's head was covered already. Suddenly, I felt something touch me. I thought, 'Oh, God, I need to pray now for you to give me power to do a miracle.' So I got up. I started to feel strength and great power coming into me.

I told everyone to be quiet and not cry anymore, because this mother who died is a Christian. Nobody wanted to be quiet. I asked again, 'Please be quiet now. Calm down.' They wanted to keep crying and feel sad, but eventually they were quiet.

We sang and worshiped the Lord. Then my friend Francisco, one of our counselors, also started to feel the power of God.

I got next to this dead mother. I took the cover off her head and began to pray. I prayed for over an hour. She was very cold. The second hour I started to feel warmth coming into her. I could feel her body warming up. I prayed all the way down her body. When I got down to her legs, the bottom of her legs were still cold.

I picked her up, and then her eyes were open. She began to vomit and vomit. I can't even explain it.

I told a woman, 'Sit here and hold her,' because she could see everybody now. 'Let's keep praying,' I said. Her legs were beginning to get warm. We prayed some more. The third hour her whole body had movement. She was alive!"¹

Stories like this one, documented from one of the leaders of Heidi Baker's ministry, inspires the Christian community around the world. Books, blogs, YouTube videos and countless sermons recall stories of how God has used individuals to do the supernatural. It is a reminder that God still chooses to work through men and women to do the impossible.

But what is it that God sees in these individuals who have been used to raise people from the dead? We've found that these Dead Raisers all have a few things in common.

1

DEAD RAISERS ARE PEOPLE OF FAITH, FIRST.

Getting to the place where God uses an individual to raise the dead doesn't just happen. These individuals have gotten to that place of anointing and authority by living a daily life of faith. It is inspiring to read about the dead being raised to life in Heidi and Rolland Baker's ministry, but it didn't start there. Consider the early years of their faith journey.

"We knew we were called to missions. I had gone out to lunch once with Rolland and then we got married. We had prayed together but hadn't dated. We just knew we were called. We just prayed on our faces seeking God. He had said Indonesia. So we trusted him and on our wedding we were able to get the airfare for one way tickets." They left for the mission field two weeks later. All they had were simple instructions from the Lord, one-way tickets and thirty dollars in their pockets. They spent 12 years in Asia and saw thousands come to Jesus. In 1995, Heidi and Rolland moved their family to Mozambique, the poorest country in the world. The government offered them a horribly dilapidated

and neglected "orphanage." They started caring for 80 children and watched God pour out his love and provide food day after day. The Bakers now watch God provide miraculously for well over 10,000 children every day and have a network of more than 10,000 churches, Bible schools, primary schools, and remote outreach programs.²

And, now, Heidi and Rolland have experienced God raising people from the dead in their ministry. But, it all started with a simple act of faith.

Martin Luther was once quoted saying, "You don't have to see the whole staircase; just take the first step." This is the beginning of faith and the definition of faith given to the Hebrews through the Holy Spirit.

"Faith is being sure of what you hope for and certain of what you do not see. This is what our forefathers in the Old Testament were commended for." (Hebrews 11:1-2)

Dead raisers know that faith is believing something in the supernatural even when one currently doesn't see it in the physical, yet. This initial faith step, which starts at salvation and should continue to growing throughout one's life, is the start of living a radical life of faith.

Heidi Baker describes her life of faith as, “giving everything to Jesus. Being so abandoned to his presence that you will do anything; you will go anywhere. You don’t care what he asks of you. Your heart is so wide open and that you live inside the heart of God.”

Philip Mantofa describes his initial faith step as one that was more pointed and straightforward. He says that one day Holy Spirit came to him and said, “I called you! Follow Jesus just like when He called His disciples and said: ‘Follow Me!’” Since that day I have abandoned all of my hopes, desires, and aspirations and have followed Jesus.³

This faith life and those who choose to walk it is mentioned throughout the Bible.

In Old Testament, the word “faith” in the sense of belief only occurs 5 times. However, faith is a core principle throughout the Old Testament. It is also communicated by words such as believe, fear, hope, love and trust. Those in the Old Testament who were commended for their faith had absolute confidence in the faithfulness of God and a loving obedience to his will.

Asa (2 Chron. 14:11), Jehoshaphat (2 Chr. 20:12), Hezekiah (2 Chron. 32:8), Job (Job 1:21-22; 2:10), the Psalmists (Psalm 4:3;

16:8; 20:5; 23:1; 25:1; 27:146:1; 62:5; 118:17; 147:11) and Isaiah (Isaiah 8:10; 26:8; 50:7) all declare their faith in God and trust in His working in their lives.

The whole Law was given to Moses in 613 precepts. David, in Psalm 15 brings them all within the compass of eleven. Isaiah reduces them to six; Micah to three; and Isaiah, in a later passage, to two. But Habakkuk condenses them all into one: "The just shall live by faith!"

In 2016, [Shawn](#)⁴ & [Tanja Brann](#)⁵, co-hosts of 5 Day Challenges, made a step of faith in obeying God's prompting. They left a secure job as the Dean of Students at a Christian University in the USA to start a ministry from Switzerland called [Ignite Europe](#)⁶. Upon arriving at the Zurich airport from their one way airplane tickets, an 8 month old and a two year old girl in tow, no house, car or person meeting them, God began to write the story. Since that time, they've shared the Gospel in over thirty countries in Europe and have seen countless people saved, healed and delivered. But it all started with a step of faith.⁷

When it comes to taking a step of faith, dead raisers know they only do so when God calls them. Never before; never after. Shawn and Tanja often reminds believers of the story

of Peter stepping out of the boat to walk on water in Matthew 14:28-29:

“‘Lord, if it’s you,’ Peter replied, ‘tell me to come to you on the water.’ ‘Come,’ he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.”

Peter was a fisherman. He basically lived out a large majority of his life on water. But, this is the only time we read of Peter walking on water. It happens when God commands Him to walk on the water and not whenever Peter thought it was a good idea.

God wants all believers to know His voice and step when He calls. It’s these beginning steps of faith that lead to dead people being raised to life.

And, you can take them too.

2

DEAD RAISERS ARE FOCUSED ON THE OBJECT OF THEIR FAITH

Jesus, the focal point of the New Testament, offered himself as the object of faith and made plain that faith in him was necessary for salvation and miracles. Therefore, it is not the size of faith that matters but who the faith in.

Healing evangelist Katheryn Kuhlman was once asked how she got such great faith to see so many people healed. Her response was priceless, "I don't have great faith, I have little faith in a great God." Kuhlman knew that as long as her faith was in the right place, the supernatural would be the result.

Most people are familiar with the Jesus' teaching using the mustard seed. His teaching is mentioned both in Matthew and Luke. Both cases teach us important principles of faith.

"Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." Matthew 17:20

“Jesus replied, ‘If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you.’” Luke 17:6

Both of these translations mention the size of the mustard seed. Many sermons over the years have emphasized this little seed. And, rightfully so. It’s not about the size of faith, but rather faith in general. However, there is a much bigger meaning than just the size of the seed.

In the original Greek, the word that is translated for “size” is the Greek word *hos*. This Greek word doesn’t mean size, but rather “like”, “as”, or “even as”. The two scripture verses above would be better translated as followed:

“Truly I tell you, if you have faith *as* a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.” Matthew 17:20

“Jesus replied, ‘If you have faith *as* a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you.’” Luke 17:6

A mustard seed puts all of it’s faith in the belief that if it dies, it will be raised to live again much bigger and fruitful than anything it would ever be otherwise. In the same way, we are

to put our faith in God and lay down our lives with the expectations that he will use us in ways that go beyond our wildest imaginations. Our faith in Him should be one that eventually grows to bear fruit; even seeing the dead raised to life again.

It's the focus on the object of our faith that matters.

One of the speakers says it like this, "When we meet the great men and women of the Bible face-to-face, we may be surprised to discover just how much like us they are. It is faith in a great God that makes a great man or woman of God."⁸

3

DEAD RAISERS REMIND THEMSELVES OF ALL OF THE GREAT COMMISSION

The Great Commission is the last words of Jesus before He ascended to Heaven. Here he gives the command to spread His Gospel to all the world. Look at the famous text:

“Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’” Matthew 28:18-20

[Benji Morf](#)⁹, 5 Day Challenges co-host and leader of [Global Kingdom Family](#)¹⁰ in Thailand¹¹, often asks believers to look closer at the commission. The final two verses above give us a mandate to follow. But, the mandate isn’t possible without the very first sentence Jesus says. Look again:

“Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.’” Matthew 28:18

“If all authority in Heaven and Earth has been given to Jesus, then how much authority does the devil have? Zero!” Benji says. “And, the last verse says that Jesus is with us always to the end of the age. So Jesus has all authority in Heaven and Earth and He is always with us. We carry Jesus in us meaning that we also carry all authority in Heaven and Earth as well. All you have to do is release that authority.” Dead raisers understand this principle and act upon it.

After reminding believers of this truth in one of Benji’s meetings, a team member in Laos started a deliverance ministry. On one occasion, four men brought out a demon possessed person who had been chained up in the woods. With all the authority, the member was able to cast out the demons from this possessed man as promised by Jesus.

News of the deliverance spread across the villages and the following day twenty-five more demon possessed men and women were brought to him. Once again, all demons were cast out and the name of Jesus was glorified.

Benji reminds us that, “We are not a thermometer that just checks the atmosphere wherever we go, but we are a thermostat that changes the atmosphere through the authority given to us by Jesus.”

4

DEAD RAISERS ARE AWARE THAT FAITH HAS ACTION

Faith is more than what a person believes (their creed, religion or doctrine), but also that the object of his faith is valid *with actions that accompany it*.

Paul reminded us in Romans that, "Faith without works is dead." Real faith has action. Just as air is a free gift, but must be breathed in to enjoy, so is faith. Dead Raisers know they have to do something with their faith. We are not to sit around and wait for faith to come, but rather get up and do something with the Word God has given us. To be in the Hall of Faith, one must put actions to their faith.

Consider some of these Old Testament leaders and what God says of their actions of faith:

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. Hebrews 11:8

By faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. (Hebrews 11:11)

By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future. (Hebrews 11:20)

By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff. (Hebrews 11:21)

By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones. (Hebrews 11:22)

By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. (Hebrews 11:23)

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned. (Hebrews 11:29)

By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days. (Hebrews 11:30)

By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient. (Hebrews 11:31)

The entire Old Testament is filled with stories from people who walked by faith. And, it not only continues on in the New Testament but becomes even more common. The words “faith” and “believe” are mentioned almost 500 times in the New Testament in comparison to the 5 times in the Old Testament as mentioned above.

By faith, the wise men came from the East to worship Jesus. (Matthew 2:1-2)

By faith, Peter declared Jesus to be Lord. (Matthew 16:16)

By faith, 3,000 people believed in Jesus on the day of Pentecost. (Acts 2:41)

By faith, Stephen stayed focused on Jesus even in the midst of being martyred. (Acts 7:54-60)

By faith, countless people over the past two thousand years continue to trust God.

Dead raisers know that real faith doesn't just have actions on the believers part. They anticipate God will do something as

well. And, scripture says that God takes great delight in our faith when we know that He will act too.

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. (Hebrews 11:6)

Augustine says, "Faith is to believe what we do not see. The reward of this faith is to see what we believe."

Mel Tari, world known evangelist and missionary from Timor, Indonesia, is an eyewitness of some of the greatest miracles to occur in our generation. Mel has witnessed the dead raised, the water turned into wine, healing from all kinds of diseases (the blind see, the crippled walk, the deaf hear, the dumb speak, leprosy, cancer, etc.) and millions that have come to know Jesus all over the world in the last four decades.

He's the author of the best-selling book, "Like a Mighty Wind," which tells about the great move of the Holy Spirit in Asia beginning in 1965. It has been translated into more than 40 languages and millions of copies have been sold.

Mel promotes his simple formula for faith to raise the dead:

Simple faith (in god's power and love) + simple obedience (to God's commands) = a tremendous miracle!

"When we believe the Bible as it is, we will see the power of God move in our lives and in our community as it did centuries ago in Bible times," proclaims Mel.

5

DEAD RAISERS UNDERSTAND THAT RISK IS INVOLVED

The greatest risk in one's spiritual journey is to risk nothing at all.

Years before [Jason Chin](#)¹² founded the ministry [Love Says Go](#)¹³ and became a co-host of 5 Day Challenges, he was taught a simple prayer model at the school of ministry he attended. This prayer model¹⁴ taught believers how to minister healing to the sick. But, there was a slight problem.

Jason was terrified to talk to someone about Jesus, let alone to try to pray for their healing. Because of that, he decided he would simply skip his first 4 weeks of outreach class.

On the 4th week, God spoke to Jason's heart and encouraged Jason to just take a chance; that He was good at His job. Jason thought to himself, "if I would just try and take a baby step of risk God could do the rest. He encouraged me to practice love and to just stop and love someone. Maybe I would just take time to listen to their story or maybe I would get the opportunity to pray for them even for healing."

Jason had heard in the ministry school that John Wimber, a great healing evangelist, had said that faith was spelled R.I.S.K. That faith looked like taking simple action steps on God's word like was mentioned earlier.

In a short time, after taking continued baby steps of risk and faith in the right direction, Jason started to see God do incredible healings and miracles through his friend's lives and his too. They even witnessed a man that was legally blind receive his eyesight back!

One such occasion, Jason and a couple of his friends went to Disneyland for the day to have fun. However, they also wanted to take a risk to share Jesus with the people there.

At lunch, Jason went to the food court and met a young man named Drew. Drew was wearing a shoulder brace because he tore his shoulder ligament. They asked if they could pray for his healing. He agreed and after a 30-second prayer they asked him if he could see if it was any better.

Drew took off the shoulder brace and started to slowly lift up his arm over his head. He froze and then tears started to come into his eyes. Then he started lifting his arm up and down with a full range of motion saying "I can't believe this! This

is impossible. I couldn't even move my arm two inches this morning!"

Jason shared how Jesus is the miracle worker and then explained the gospel of salvation with Drew and about six of his friends. They all accepted Jesus as their savior! More on that later.

Drew's friends asked Jason to pray for their friends that needed healing too. Jason explained to them that because they now had Jesus, they could also minister healing.

So Jason and his friends quickly taught these new converts how to pray for healing. They watched Jesus use these young people to heal their friends. It was incredible! Drew's friends quickly started calling more of their friends to come join them in the food court. Jason and his friends found out Drew's entire school was on a field trip that day to Disneyland.

Quickly more and more young people started to arrive and their friend quickly shared how Jesus healed Drew's shoulder and the other healings too. Things just went wild from there! Jason had the first group minister healing to the new arrivals and Jesus healed them all! They saw pain leave bodies, creative miracles of cysts and growths dissolve right

before their eyes, and arm braces were removed after God healed them!

They shared the gospel with each group of new arrivals and everyone received Jesus! This replicated itself for 4 hours as wave after wave of new young people came to the food court to see what Jesus was doing!

In that 4 hours time, they witnessed Jesus heal over one hundred people and over eighty young people made decisions to make Jesus their God, many for the very first time!

Jason and his friends found out that that day, once again, if someone decides to take a risk to act on God's word and love someone, they can see God do the extraordinary through our lives!¹⁵

Faith really is spelled R.I.S.K.

And, if someone does not get to see the miracle happen in that moment take courage. You will still have the greatest privilege of all, to stop and love someone with Jesus, whose love never fails!

6

DEAD RAISERS LEAVE THE RESULTS TO GOD

It's his kingdom that we are building, not our own. Therefore, the results are not up to us, but God. If God wants to heal, than after doing our part, He will do His part. Otherwise, we trust that he is working in a way that is beyond our understanding.

Even some of the greatest faith healers of our generation can't answer the reason why everyone in their gatherings are not healed immediately. There are many times that God heals people as they leave, a day later, or through the works of modern medicine. Dead raisers know to leave the results to God. Sometimes it takes more faith in trusting in God's process than in seeing an immediate answer to prayers.

Heidi and Rolland Baker go into the wilderness to minister to tribes of people that have never heard the gospel. They usually take children with them to minister. Heidi took one of their orphans named Enselmo to help minister. Enselmo is 13 years old and was abandoned because he was born with clubbed feet. While ministering to a tribe of people, Enselmo

felt like he heard that God wanted to heal someone who was crippled. A mother came out and she put a crippled child on the dirt in front of Enselmo who had no muscle tone. Enselmo looked at Heidi and happily put his hands on the child. The child got up in front of everyone. Rather than being bitter that God healed the child and not his clubbed feet, Enselmo rejoiced. Through a string of events, Enselmo received surgery that fixed his clubbed feet.

7

DEAD RAISERS ARE CONTINUALLY BUILDING THEIR FAITH

Just as someone can lift weights to build up their physical strength, so can one build their spiritual faith. Building faith isn't about how strong you are at believing but rather the amount of weight you trust in the hands of God. Building faith means building your trust.

Just as there is not one way to lift weights, there are also multitude of ways to build faith. Dead raisers build their faith through numerous ways.

First, they understand the value of the Christian family. The writer of Proverbs reminds us in 27:7 that, "just as iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." Faith is built up by being around others who are as sharp (faith full) or more than we are. We need each other to build up our faith.

One of the speakers says, "It's ok to question. It's ok to even stumble a little bit. Stay in fellowship with Christians. The Bible makes it clear that the miracles happen through history and are for today."¹⁶

Another way to grow your faith is by reading the Word of God.

“Faith comes through hearing and hearing through the Word of God.” Romans 10:17

The Bible has a way to transform an individual to a world changer for the Kingdom of Heaven.

Ramad was the most dangerous man in all of India. His gang attacked, plundered, and terrified the remote village of the area. He was wanted dead or alive. While ransacking a small house in one of those villages, he found a small black book. At first he started to throw it away, but noticed that the paper was thin and just the right size for roll-your-own cigarettes. Each evening after a meal, Ramad would relax with a smoke. He would take out the little book, tear a page out, and fold it over for the tobacco. One evening while folding the paper, he noticed the writing was in his own language. So each evening after eating, he would read a page of the little book and then smoke it. One evening he knelt down and asked Jesus to forgive his sins and to be his Savior. The small black book was the Bible.

He turned himself over to the police, much to their surprise, and turned from a bandit to a prisoner for Christ. The prison

became Ramad's mission field where he led many other prisoners to Jesus. God's Word made the change in his life. Just as Ramad was dead in His sin, the Bible brought him to life. Dead raisers know that the Bible also has the power to build their faith so that God can use them to raise the dead as well.

Prayer is a third way to grow faith that raises the dead.

From 1980 to 1996, Suzette Hattingh was part of Reinhard Bonnke's ministry "Christ for all Nations" ([CfaN](#)). She headed up the intercession department and later became Reinhard's associate evangelist. She has a guide that she would implement when praying for evangelist gatherings that would reach into the millions.

The first step in her prayer approach for growing faith is praying God's word. This means that when you pray, you remind God of what His word says. It's not that He needs to be told but for the building up of your faith to receive His promises for your life. It is important to pray, not only the "logos" but also the "rhema" word. These are the Bible and those individual personal words God has spoken to you, respectively.

Secondly, she encourages everyone to pray the promises of God and not the problems of man. Often when we pray, we are so focused on our issues that we don't allow God to strengthen our faith through His promises.

Finally, Suzette says that it is vital to incorporate worship into prayer. The Bible tells us that God lives in the praises of His people. So when we worship and praise Him in prayer, He is in our midst, ready to strengthen our faith to the extent that it can even raise the dead.¹⁷

8

DEAD RAISERS KNOW THAT FAITH POINTS PEOPLE TO GOD

Faith that is accompanied with signs, wonders and miracles has a purpose. It's not to bring attention to anyone except God.

In Acts 16, we read the story of Paul and Silas in prison for sharing the Gospel. Like Suzette encouraged in building faith, they were praying and worshipping God instead of focusing on their problems. Their faith and worship was noticed by those in prison. Suddenly, there was an earthquake that caused the chains to fall off the prisoners and the jail doors swung open.

Instead of running, Paul and Silas stayed in their jail. They knew that God was up to something greater than a temporary release from jail. What should have been a death sentence for the jailer, as escaped criminals resulted in the death of the jailer, ended up being the beginning of a spiritual life. The miraculous earthquake accompanied with the faith of Paul and Silas led the jailer to fall to his face and shout out the infamous words, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved."

David Hogan tells a testimony at Bethel Church in Redding, California of a healing that took place at a conference he was preaching.

“This Muslim girl comes up to me and she says, ‘I don’t want your God, but I do want your God to heal me.’...

I asked her, ‘what’s the matter with you darling’. She showed me her arm. She was born with her arm upside down; her palm faced up. Her elbow was completely backwards.

I asked her, ‘so what do you want from me exactly?’

She says, ‘I have heard about you. I have heard about your God. And I have come here so that your God can heal me.’

I said to her, ‘That’s fair enough. This is what I am going to do. I am instructed in the Bible to lay my hands on you. If you will let me do that, what is going to happen is that my God is going to intervene in your life. He’s going to change your world. So if you’re not ready for that, I suggest you leave and keep your arm upside down.’

She says, ‘I want my arm fixed regardless of what changes.’ So I laid my hands on her and she was slain in the spirit.

After some time, I went back to see how the girl with the upside down arm was doing. I told them, 'pick her up' because she was on the floor for over half an hour. We couldn't pick her up. About one-third of her body was floating in the air like something had a hold of her arm. Something we couldn't see had a hold of her upside down arm.

She starts going off, 'I can't get up. The Being has a hold of me.' Remember, this is an unchurched person. She knows nothing about the Holy Ghost. She knows nothing about the Lord Jesus. She knows nothing about angels. She knows nothing about created Godly hosts. And she just called it a 'Being'.

I asked her if she could see 'this being'.

She said, 'Oh, yes'.

I asked, 'would you mind explaining him to me.' I couldn't see him. Sure enough she explained the Lord Jesus as you find in Revelation chapter 1. I was satisfied that I didn't need to bother her any more. I mean, if Jesus is going to come there with his girdle and everything you should let Him do what He is going to do.

Well, right in front of us, her arm started turning. I saw it with my very own eyes. And then she gets up healed.

She says, 'who was that guy?'

I said, 'I know him by the name of Jesus.'

She says, 'well, who is this Jesus?'

I said, 'Well, that's the guy I've been talking about for the past one and a half hours.'

She said, 'You mean to tell me He comes with you to these meetings.'

I said, 'every day'.

She says, 'what do you do to become like you?'

I said, ' that's the right question'.

I had the opportunity to lead her to Jesus myself. She gets healed, saved and filled with the Holy Spirit."¹⁸

The purpose of faith that leads to resurrection is to point people to the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Maybe you are reading this short e-book and you are thinking to yourself, "I would love to have faith that results

in great miracles or the raising of the dead, but I don't even know God". The good news for you is that putting faith in Christ is the first step in anyone's walk with God. The greatest story of anyone being raised from the dead is when someone becomes a follower of Jesus Christ. It's when their dead spirit has come alive. You see, Jesus did not come to make bad people good, He came to make dead people live. Our sins have spiritually killed us, but today, Christ can make you alive again.

A boy was once flying a kite and a passerby, looking up at the sky and not being able to see the kite because of the clouds, asked him, "What are you doing?" "Flying my Kite." "How do you know it's there since you can't see it?" The boy replied, "I can feel the tug on the string."

It is God who has been and is tugging at your heart for you to be a follower of His. And, like the boy with the kite, you have been feeling that tug. Now is the time to act out in faith what you feel in your heart. It's time to surrender to Jesus.

What does it mean to surrender to Christ? It means that you recognize that you are a sinner in need of a savior; and that Savior is Jesus Christ. The Bible says that if you confess with your mouth, and believe in your heart that Jesus is Lord, you will be saved; you will be born again.

If you would like to make that confession of faith now, here's a short prayer you can pray:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner and in need of your forgiveness. I am spiritually dead, broken and lost. Thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, to resurrect me from the dead. I believe that Jesus came to this earth, died, and was raised to life again so that I can have life today and life for eternity. I want Jesus to be the Savior of my life, making me a new person. I ask You, Jesus to lead my life and help me to do your will. I ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen!

Did you pray this prayer? If so, we want to hear from you! You've taken an important first step of faith. We want to equip you with the tools, resources, and find you a community to guide and walk with you. As of today...

You *are* alive!

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