

Steps of Faith: Day 29– 35

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Day 29: Step of Faith

Do something called ministry

Day 29 Step of Faith: Do something called ministry today. Look around wherever you are, at church or somewhere in the community and be ready to do "ministry." I love the story my Dad tells about the time God gave him an assignment in a car repair shop. While sitting in the waiting area, the Holy Spirit told him to go pray for the employee at the counter. Nervously arguing with God, he sat there wrestling to stay in his chair. Minutes later, the employee spoke up and actually announced that he needed someone to pray with him and asked if someone would! Dad got up and prayed. Since then he has tried to be more obedient to God in moments like these.

People around you need to know God is thinking about them and you are the messenger. Ask God to lead you. Take a step of faith and trust Him.

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Eph. 4:11, "*And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ....*"

2 Tim. 2:15, "*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.*"

2 Cor. 3:5-6, "*...our competence comes from God. He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant....*"

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, lead me to ministry. Show me who needs to know You are thinking about them today. Use me for Your purposes and bring hope to the hopeless and help to those around me. Help me to know Your voice and do Your work. In Jesus's Name, Amen.

Day 30: Step of Faith

Cast worry to the wind

Day 23 Step of Faith: Be God's employee where you work. Believe that God is actually your boss. That everything your earthly boss has required of you is at God's behest. Whereas, all day you work to the best of your ability for Him. Recognize also that He has reasons for putting you where you are today, with the people you are with. Do His work, His way. Give it your best!

Eph. 6:7, "Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people...."

Col. 3:23, "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men...."

Phip. 2:14-15,

"Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world...."

Proverbs 16:3, "Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established."

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I commit my work to you today. No matter what happens, I trust you are giving me opportunity to serve you. Help me to do my job 100%, and with you in mind that I may be a blessing to the company and people I work for. In Jesus's Name, Amen.

Day 31: Step of Faith

Be God's voice

Day 31 Step of Faith: Be God's voice. You have the responsibility to be God's voice in your government today. It is God who puts one up and another down. In our nation, that happens in the voters box. God will use you to get His plan done on earth. Jesus readily recognized that the Father was responsible for Pilate being in power the day He was crucified. In this election, either way, the church must be ready for the results. If God's plan is to begin expediting the end times and wrap things up, the church needs to be ready for persecution. If God's plan is to bring prosperity to America again, the church will have a big and most difficult job to reach the lost when things are good. Pray. Get His vote. Then you go cast it. Do your part today. Let God's will be done.

Jn. 19:11, "Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over Me unless it were given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed Me over to you is guilty of greater sin."

Romans 13:1-2, "Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which is from God. The authorities that exist have been appointed by God. Consequently, the one who resists authority is opposing what God has set in place, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves...."

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, guide me today as I cast Your vote for the next president of the United States. Let Your will be done. I pray that I am part of Your good plan on earth. I ask You to tutor me in Your ways, show me why You do things the way You do them. Help me to understand what You like and don't like, that I may love you and honor Your name. Speak to me clearly for this vote today. In Jesus's Name, Amen.

Day 32: Step of Faith

Make today count

Day 32 Step of Faith: Make today count. How many days do you have left? Statistically speaking, the average person lives to the age of 82 now. Below is a chart showing your stats. What will you do with your days to live? When we consider our mortality in the light of God's purpose, we gain wisdom. Wisdom is applying knowledge. Wisdom is akin to faith in that faith is applying what we believe and hope for in God. The foolish person says, "Eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow we die." Wisdom says, "I need to get my life in order for tomorrow I may die." **Fools lose hope in the very same situation the wise find it.** Why? Because to the wise, the rest of this life is about preparing for the REAL life you have in heaven! Even if tomorrow is your last, make it count for God!

Current Age	Days to Live						
14	24820	31	18615	48	12410	65	6205
15	24455	32	18250	49	12045	66	5840
16	24090	33	17885	50	11680	67	5475
17	23725	34	17520	51	11315	68	5110
18	23360	35	17155	52	10950	69	4745
19	22995	36	16790	53	10585	70	4380
20	22630	37	16425	54	10220	71	4015
21	22265	38	16060	55	9855	72	3650
22	21900	39	15695	56	9490	73	3285
23	21535	40	15330	57	9125	74	2920
24	21170	41	14965	58	8760	75	2555
25	20805	42	14600	59	8395	76	2190
26	20440	43	14235	60	8030	77	1825
27	20075	44	13870	61	7665	78	1460
28	19710	45	13505	62	7300	79	1095
29	19345	46	13140	63	6935	80	730
30	18980	47	12775	64	6570	81	365

Ps. 90:12, *"Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."*

Romans 13:1-2, *"...it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment..."*

1 Cor. 15:22, *"For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive."*

Rom. 8:14-17, *"For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!' The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs-heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. For I*

consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us."

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, considering my days on earth are numbered, I want to make the most of them for You. Help me to make today count in Your Kingdom. Give me wisdom to live life Your way, and to get my life in order for the rest of my days. Help me to make the most of my relationships and ministry for Your Kingdom today. In Jesus's Name, Amen.

Day 33: Step of Faith

Lift the lowly

Day 33 Step of Faith: Lift the lowly. Today's step of faith is about finding someone that seems to be humble and lowly, and lifting them up. Find a way to encourage them, bless them, honor them. Anyone can kiss up to the lofty. But when you bless the lowly, God takes notice.

Matt. 19:13-15, *Then the little children were brought to Jesus for Him to place His hands on them and pray for them; and the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them! For the kingdom of heaven" belongs to such as these. And after He had placed His hands on them, He went on from there....*

James 2:2-4, *Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?*

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, someone needs encouragement and unconditional love and acceptance today. Please help me to see them and be You to them today. Help me to not show preference to those who can help me, but to be partial to those who need Your help. In Jesus's Name, Amen.

Day 34: Step of Faith

Be the big tipper

Day 34 Step of Faith: Be the big tipper. Today's step is exercising proof that you love people and God more than money. Find someone to tip; even if you don't go to a restaurant you can find them. Let them know you appreciate their daily work and reward them for their work generously. It may just be the lady handing your food over in a drive-through. If they do their job and take care of you right, feel free to tip! But today---TIP BIG as an act of faith in LOVE for one of God's wonderfully made humans.

1 Tim. 6:10, *"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs."*

1 John 4:19, *"We love because he first loved us."*

1 Tim. 5:18, *"For Scripture says, 'Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain,' and 'The worker deserves his wages.'"*

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, help me to be as generous to someone as I hope You are to me. Let me come into contact with someone who needs to feel Your love and generosity today, and give me the faith to love them more than I love money. In Jesus's Name, Amen.

Day 35: Step of Faith

Believe in Heaven

Day 35 Step of Faith: Believe in Heaven. Today's step is about believing that everything you will ever be, and everything you will ever need, is already taken care of. So much so, that you are free to live for everyone around you! Give, forgive, love, take risks...REALLY LIVE! Because of Jesus, you get to go to Heaven!

1 Corinthians 2:7-9, *But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him."*

2 Corinthians 5:8, *"Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord."*

Philp. 1:21-23, *"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better."*

Philippians 3:20-21 *"But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself."*

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for the hope of Heaven with You! Today I believe all my needs, life, and relationships are taken care of for eternity! Therefore, I am free from my own needs today. I am free to love care for others completely today. Thank You! In Jesus's Name, Amen.