

## 40 DAYS SERIES ON FORWARD BY FAITH: FAITH MOVERS.

**Day 21: *RIGHTEOUSNESS AND CLEAN HANDS.*** Job 17:9 (NLT). Job faced challenges that tested his faith. He lost everything, both the children and wealth. By faith, he believed that the righteous keep moving forward and so stood when everything around him fell apart. We will face challenges in our journey but must remember that being righteous and having clean hands will help us move forward by faith. (Scriptures reading: Proverbs 4:25-27, 1 Corinthians 16:13.)

**Day 22: *FAITH WITH DEEDS.*** James 2:14-26. James emphasized that faith without deeds is dead. He mentioned how Abraham and Rahab put their faith into action. Moving faith is one that is accompanied by faithful actions. We cannot grow in our faith without good deeds. Peter experienced a new level of faith by stepping out of the boat. What will you do differently this year to add deeds to your faith? (Scripture reading: Hebrews 11:1-6, Matthew 14:22-33.)

**Day 23: *CONFESSION OF SIN.*** James 5:16. We need people in our journey of faith whom we can share lives and confess our sins and pray together. Confession of sin and prayer for each other brings healing. Do you have such companions? Put down some names of brothers and sisters that will become your companions as you move forward by faith. (Scripture reading: Hebrews 3:12-13, Romans 12:10.)

**Day 24: *THE WORD OF GOD.*** Romans 10:17. The Word of God is the source of our faith. When we consume it, we develop spiritual muscles to keep us moving. How are your muscles today? Will you survive the journey till the end of the year? Allow the Word of God dwell in you richly so that you will be able to move forward by faith. (Scripture reading: Colossians 3:16, Psalm 119:9.)

**Day 25: *WATCHING AND PRAYING.*** Matthew 26:41. Jesus encouraged the disciples in the Garden to watch and pray in order to stay the course to the end. Unfortunately none of them managed, resulting to their fall. In our journey of faith, we expect many episodes of temptations. Are you watching and praying? Watch and pray so that you don't wander into temptation. (Scripture reading: 1 Peter 5:8-9, 1 Corinthians 10:13.)

**Day 26: *THE MOST EXCELLENT WAY.*** 1 Corinthians 13:2. God gave the Corinthian disciples gifts, useful in ministering and building faith in the church. Many became conceited and forgot the most excellent way; the way of love. What completes our journey of faith is not how fast we move or the milestones we achieve on the way, but our love for God and his people. To move forward by faith, then we must love one another. (Scripture reading: John 13:34-35, Romans 13:8.)

**Day 27: *FORGET THE PAST.*** Philippians 3:13-14. The Apostle Paul had a past with both successes and challenges. As he sojourned to the future, he decided to forget the past and strain towards the future. In order to move forward by faith, we need to learn to do the same. In the New Year, do not allow your past, keep you from moving forward but rather deal with it and focus on the future that God has prepared for you. (Scripture reading: Isaiah 43:18-19, Luke 9:62.)

**Day 28: *HOPE IN THE LORD.*** Isaiah 40:28-31. Along the journey, we will become weary, or stumble and fall. But regardless of what happens, there is hope for those who trust in the LORD. He will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, run and not grow weary and walk and not be faint. Put your hope in the Lord and you will move forward faithfully to the end. (Scripture reading: Psalm 3:2-6, Psalm 147:11.)

**Day 29: *MOVE BY FAITH AND NOT SIGHT.*** 2 Corinthians 5:7-8. When you read the words of Paul in the Message Version, he says, 'It's what we trust in but don't yet see that keeps us going. Do you suppose a few ruts in the road or rocks in the path are going to stop us?' We may not see what lies ahead. Let nothing stop you on the way whether rocks or potholes since we move by faith and not sight. (Scripture reading: Genesis 12:1-5, Hebrews 11:8-10.)

**Day 30: *THE HABIT OF FELLOWSHIP.*** Hebrews 10:25. The Hebrew writer encouraged the disciples to consider ways that they would spur each other, mentioning that they should not give up meeting as some had the habit. Our faith is build through the great fellowship that we have with each other. When we detach ourselves from the body then we begin to drift and eventually walk away. See to it therefore that you do not give up meeting with the body. (Scripture reading: Acts 2:42-47, 1 Corinthians 12:12-26.)