

EVER-INCREASING FAITH: THE WAY TO REVIVAL AND BEYOND

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The Way to Revival and Beyond is Faith that Works through Love

All of us desire more faith, and we can have it by developing a loving relationship with our Lord. Is it not true that we trust and have faith in people we know, and that we have even more faith in them when we have developed a personal, loving relationship with them? Surely the answer to that question is yes!

It is a personal connection with someone of good character that causes us to have faith. Well, our heavenly Father has perfect character and He already loves us. Does it not make sense to exercise the “measure of faith” that we already have and let it grow? Faith, like a muscle, grows when it is exercised. As faith grows, we receive more and more of God’s love and give Him more and more of our love. It becomes a wonderful cycle of love and faith. All of this is expressed in one sentence in Galatians 5:6. It says, “Faith works through love.” Faith is a verb; it is active; it involves us with God and works through the communication that comes out of a loving relationship. If we want more faith, we must allow it to “work” through a loving relationship with our heavenly Father.

Most of us desire that we will be and become all that the Lord wants us to be in this life and the life to come, and that is possible for all of us.

Here is the personal witness of Paul from Romans 8:38-39: “For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Paul, like all born-again Christians, had realized that Jesus paid the penalty for his sin on the cross and Paul received the loving forgiveness of our Lord. But he did not stop there—he continued to receive God’s love. In that process, God’s love became so real that he could make the previous statement which has helped millions to know that they can experience God’s love every minute of every hour of every day. With the sure

knowledge that nothing can ever separate us from the love of God, we can enter into ever-increasing faith.

The question, then, is, “Is ever-increasing faith the way to revival?” The answer to that question is a resounding, “YES!” In II Chronicles 7:14, our heavenly Father promised revival if we humble ourselves, turn from unrighteousness, and seek His face as we pray. But none of this is possible unless we first receive His love. When we do that, we are not only greatly blessed but also are empowered to return His love. Out of this exchange of love we are already seeking His face. Seeking His face is seeking a personal, loving relationship with the One who created us and loves us so. We then can not only hear His voice, but can also have fellowship with Him and actually become a friend of God. Once a friend of God, how could anyone fall away and fail to trust Him more and more? All of this occurs as a result of a faith that increases as we—through love—exercise the “measure of faith” that the Scripture says God has already given us. It is the love of God that carries faith to completion. Remember that “there is faith, hope, and love and the greatest of these is love” (I Cor. 13:13). So, we must receive God’s love and express our love for Him in as many ways as we can—even out loud.

Because “faith works through love,” it follows that the more love we have for God, the more faith we will exercise. We then have ever-increasing faith. A life that has that kind of love and faith has not only the hope of revival, but also the hope of continuous victory in the Christian life. That is the way to revival and beyond—the way to be all our heavenly Father wants us to be in this life and the life to come.■

The Greatest Commandment As Stated by Jesus

⁵ And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. ⁶ And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: ⁷ And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. (Deuteronomy 6:5-7)

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