

Pastor's Pen

by Darrel Sexton, Carlisle Assembly of God Church

One night there was a discussion going on in the Youth Group at our church about some serious problems that people were facing. Every problem that was brought up, one of the youth would give me the same answer, "pray and have enough faith." It has become kind of a by-word for the group even though that was a long time ago. Though he may have simplified the answer there was more truth to what he said than any of us may have realized. Just as a high jumper is only credited with whatever level the bar is set at so it is with our faith. Jesus said that all things were possible to them that will dare to believe. (Mark 11:24)

I believe that our God is not a God of the past only, but that He is a God of the present and future as well. What He has done He can do today, and will do in the future. He has, however, imposed a limit on Himself. He will only go as far with us as our faith in Him will take us. We can see that the Lord stands ready and able to meet all our needs if we stand ready to believe. You may say, "well, that sounds all well and good, but what about....." I will admit that there are a lot of things that do not happen as I believed they would, but there is always a reason why. Only God knows why sometimes bad things happen to good people. This much I do know, God is in control of everything and He knows what He is doing a lot more than I. Sometimes we may pray amiss or selfishly and the Lord has to look at the whole picture. There are some things we just cannot see from our limited view.

Thank God that He doesn't always answer our prayers the way we pray them. Several

years ago, a lady was prayed for that was sick. A lady prayed for her that God would smite the cause of this sickness. Nine months later, she gave birth to a son. Thank God that He didn't smite the cause of that illness! The truth of the matter is, we need the Lord to lead us how to pray as well as to answer our prayers. We need to learn to pray in the spirit. (1 Corinthians 14:15) What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also. I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. However you may interpret that verse we would all have to agree that the Apostle Paul said plainly that he would pray with the spirit of God directing him. If we pray in this way we won't pray for things we shouldn't, we

will pray for God's will to be done on the earth as it is in heaven. Only His Holy Spirit can determine what is best in all things. If our faith is our limit, then how can we raise the bar? One thing we can do is to exercise our faith. Just as our physical bodies need exercise, our spiritual needs it as well. Everyone who has ever been saved has done so by faith, so all who are truly borned again have measure of faith. It is then our responsibility to study God's Word, pray consistently, and attend a Bible-believing church to be disciplined. The Bible says that faith comes by hearing the word of God. The more Word we hear, the stronger our faith should become. Though faith may come from hearing God's Word, it grows when we place that Word into practice. The more we learn to trust the Lord the more faith grows.

Faith is God's gift to you, what we gain with that faith is our gift to God.

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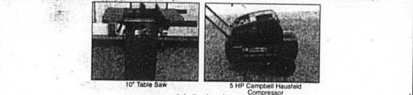
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