Faith Means I am Dependent on God

John 15:4

Faith involves surrendering control and relying entirely on God. It means releasing our illusion of power and allowing God to lead and guide our lives. Faith is being God-dependent and God-supported. Faith is letting go of the controls and looking to God for guidance and direction. Faith has nothing to do with us, except for initially choosing to depend on God by making Him our Lord and Savior. Faith is a wild and scary ride for us in the natural world. Because faith forces us to let go of the reins and let the Holy Spirit take us where He will.

Like the real-life Mustang when the Mustang stops fighting. When the Mustang ceases being willful, ceases wanting to do exactly what it wants to do. When the Mustang relinquishes its determination to direct its own life, the rider can now make the Mustang useful.

We too, in like fashion, when we become dependent on the gentle presence of the Holy Spirit in our life; like the Mustang, when we become dependent and willing to follow the presence and guidance of our Divine Rider. We will become useful to God.

The Essence of Belief

Faith is evidence of our willingness to have trust in something greater than ourselves. It means realizing are dependence on God. This dependence is not passive. It is an ongoing act of accepting who we are and who God is. Faith is not about our strength, wisdom, or capabilities. Faith is about yielding and depending on God for guidance and direction.

Faith is Taming the Untamable

Faith is pushing the wild Mustang beyond the limits it knows about. Faith pushes the Mustang into uncharted and never-understood territory. Faith demands of the believer the release of all control. Faith demands. Faith does not ask. Faith is not polite in its request. Either you let go of your control or faith abandons you. God does not abandon you. But faith's power is no longer available to you.

Like the Mustang that stops resisting and instead follows its rider's lead, we too can become powerful allies when we let go of control and allow the Holy Spirit to guide us.

Letting Go of Control

Just as a Mustang gives up its need for control, we are called to surrender our urge to control our future. Again, this act of surrender is not a sign of weakness but an expression of trust and inner strength. By doing so, we enable the Holy Spirit to lead us toward our calling in God's grand design. It acknowledges in a tangible way our dependence on God.

Paul, Transformed from Independence to Dependence

The transformation of Paul serves as an example of this concept. Formerly known as Saul he vehemently opposed Christians until he was knocked down and got up blind on his way to Damascus. Getting up blind symbolized Paul's spiritual blindness. It testified to the fact until that moment Paul did not know, who he was, what he was doing, or where he was going. In was in Paul's weakness that Paul received strength. It was when Paul considered himself lost that Paul discovered who he was. It was when Paul thought he had no purpose or direction that God gave him both.

It was when Paul became dependent on Jesus that Paul found strength, purpose, and favor in Christ. It was when Paul became dependent on God that his life's journey began. Then Paul stopped fighting and accepted who he was. Before this Damascus Road experience, Paul thought he was somebody, "chief Pharisee in charge." After the Damascus Road, he understood he was nothing if he was not God's servant.

Life begins when we are at the end of our rope. Life is victorious when we are losing, not when we are winning. Life becomes clear when the way seems dim. This is because, in each of these situations, we are dependent on Jesus.

Becoming valuable in God's eyes is directly connected to our willingness to trust Him completely. Just like a wild mustang becomes a companion to the rider once it stops resisting, we also become tools for carrying the Kingdom's plans when we stop resisting. This dependence is not about losing who you are. It is about becoming all you can be in Christ.

Letting go of our belief in control; placing trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit is like taming a Mustang that gains value under the direction of an experienced rider. When we surrender and rely on God, we become tools for His plans. The path of faith is full of surprises, challenges, and growth, taking us to places beyond our reach. Embracing this reliance allows us to discover meaning and satisfaction in our existence.

Blessings,
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