

the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart." (Jeremiah 29:11-13)

"We Can Learn A Lot When Life Gets Foggy"

We can learn a lot when life gets foggy. Don't panic because you can't see into the future. Don't let fear of the unknown consume you. Our God knows your future better than we do. He sees through the fog and will guide us. Trust Him completely with each step. This uncertainty that comes from the unknown is meant to grow your faith and build your relationship with the Father. Don't rush though it trying to get past it. Be in the moment and trust Him to use the foggy moments to get you where you're going right on time.

"Come!" He Beckons Us Into The Fog"



Follow.  
No Matter Where He Leads.  
Don't Fear.  
Because There Is No Need.

Walking in the Spirit is not denying the fact that the fog is rolling in on our lives. Walking in the Spirit helps us to keep our eyes on what God has said in His Word in spite of the presence of the fog. Follow Me! I know the way out! Don't be afraid! I know you can't see, but I can. Take my hand. I promise you'll be safe with Me, no matter what we encounter. I AM FREEDOM!"

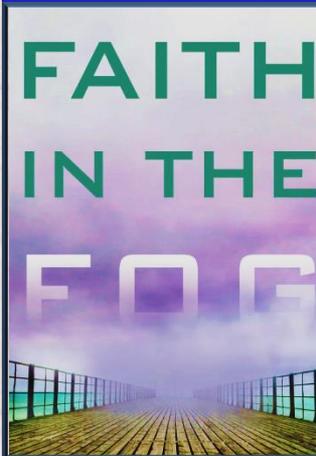
His light rises and burns blinding fog so we can see straight. As sure as the dawn after dark night, His sun rises and we will see the risen Son! God will make a way when there seems to be no way—when we can't see beyond our own two feet. He moves mountains. He parts seas. He resurrects the dead. He transforms brokenness. So we need to ask ourselves; What has died in our lives? What needs resurrected? What needs freed? What needs transformed? God can do it. I know. I have witnessed Him resurrect and free and transform over and over and over in my life and in many, many lives I've watched. This is His business—resurrection and freedom and transformation and healing the blind so we all can see the Way, the Truth, the Life—so we can SEE Jesus, better than any vision our physical eyes can provide. He is our forever resurrected Savior, transformer of our hearts, healer of our wounds, hope of our world. We don't yet see things clearly. We're squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We'll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing Him directly just as He knows us!



Living by faith in this fallen world can sometimes be like walking through a fog, where you can't see where you're going. You want to believe that God is with you on your journey, but you can't seem to find Him

while challenges such as sadness, shame, doubts, and confusion obscure your vision. For some people, gloom can have a serious impact on their outlook on life. The fog causes limited visibility. Because of the limited visibility, one can only see so far ahead. The fog can cause you to become disoriented. The fog will even cause you to see illusions of things that aren't really there. As debilitating as the fog can be, you have a tremendous advantage in getting from point A to point B if you're familiar with your surroundings. If you have an idea of what's up ahead of you because you're familiar with your surroundings, dense fog can only slow you down. The fog will never stop you from moving from point A to point B. The fog is a tangible reminder of how dimly we sometimes see, how hard it is to wait for answers, and how little we can do about it but proceed slowly through until clarity appears. Trying to find your way in the fog in an environment that you're completely unfamiliar with can be a daunting task.

"Growing In Faith In The Fog "



We know great things lie ahead, but at the moment, we only see a few feet in front of ourselves. Despite the darkness, I believe this fog is telling us something. It's telling us that we are exactly where we are meant to be. The tool of God in times of fog is the lantern. A tiny light, illuminating only a few steps at a time. In times of darkness, we cling to the lantern. One step and then the next. Trusting the light to do its job and solidify our shaky steps. In the darkness we find ourselves praying for it all to be revealed. If only we could have the full vision now. See the final chapter at this moment instead of the next. But

total light would ruin the vision. Spoil the skills and ideas meant to be honed, the relationships meant to be built, the conflict we're meant to endure.

The fog represents our need for the light and the confirmation of our calling. A life without fog is a life of complacency and boredom. It's reading the last page of the novel and skipping the conflict, climax and resolve. So what are we to do when the path forward seems unclear? How are we to find our way through the fog? Our human understanding may be limited, but the gaze of our Creator and God can penetrate the densest fog and peer far beyond our present and future. The Psalmist (Psalm 16:11) reminds us of where we find true clarity in life. "You make known to me the path of life;" The way forward begins when we acknowledge our limitations and turn in prayer to our unlimited God. We may be blind, but our hope in God leads us to the path of faith. God provides just what we need, when we need it. The fog of life poses its challenges, but begs that we draw closer to the One Who can illuminate our path and show us the way.

"Hope Sustains Faith"

"Now faith is substance of things in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." (Hebrews 11:1) It is the power to understand those things which are not perceived by worldly senses. Paul speaks of hope; Hope refreshes faith, that it may not become weary. Hope sustains faith to the final goal, that it may not fail in midcourse, or even at the starting gate. In short, by unremitting renewing and restoring, it invigorates faith again and again with perseverance. I've always been taught that faith is like a muscle. A muscle has to be repeatedly stretched to its limit of endurance in order to build more strength. Without increased stress in training, the muscle will simply not grow. In the same way, faith must be repeatedly tested to the limit of its endurance in order to expand and develop. Very often, God allows His children to go through the fog in life with trying experiences and it's in order to develop this muscle of faith.

"Faith And The Word Of God"



These Things Have Been Written That You May Believe

We must be reminded that there is a permanent relationship between faith and the Word. God could not separate one from the other any more than we could separate the rays from the sun from which they come. The God's Word is the basis whereby faith is

supported and sustained; if it turns away from the Word, it falls. Therefore, take away the Word and no faith will then remain. The New Testament writers were adamant on this issue. John's Gospel tells us that "These things have been written that you may believe. . ." (John 20:31). Paul tells us that "Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ" (Romans 10:17). If someone should ask, "How can I increase my faith?" the answer is: SATURATE YOUR MIND WITH GOD'S WORD.

"He Reveals To You Who He Is"



God's not going to remove the unknown and unpredictable. If He did, we wouldn't rely on Him – stay close to Him. Walking in the FOG is just where God needs us at times in our lives. We can see what we need to see to accomplish just what He needs us to do. We can't see too far in the future. We can't understand or see the bigger picture because if we could, we wouldn't need Him

directing us. When in the FOG, we have to submit and lean completely on Him because our vision is limited – He has to be our guide. God does not tell you what He is going to do – He reveals to you Who He is. The Fogs in our lives are there to help us in developing a deeper trust in Him. "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

"Keep Going Even When You Feel Like Giving Up. "



The disciples chose to cast their fishing nets into the Sea of Galilee one more time because Jesus asked them to – even though they were discouraged from having failed to catch anything through their previous efforts. Then, they experienced incredible success. No matter how discouraged you become, decide to keep living faithfully and God will eventually give

you a breakthrough. "We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body." (2 Corinthians 4:8-10)

"Face The Uncomfortable Parts Of Life "

Jesus' conversation with the disciples during breakfast implied that their futures would include some suffering and mystery that would make them uncomfortable. Faith doesn't make anyone impervious to going through tough times or circumstances that don't make sense to human understanding. Choose to trust God with your future, no matter what, since He has good purposes planned for your life. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares