

## Walking By Faith

Garrison Keillor, the American humorist, made this serious comment about faith in troubled times: "A little faith will see you through. What else will do except faith in such a cynical, corrupt time? When the country goes temporarily to the dogs, cats must learn to be circumspect, walk on fences, sleep in trees, and have faith that all this woofing is not the last word."

A lady in the Congo once told the story of how older men served as night sentries for workers. They were literally the "telephone lines" from house to house, compound to compound. One evening she went to the door to receive a note that had been brought by a man everyone called Papa John.

There was neither moonlight nor street light at their station, and she could barely make out his form by the light from his six-inch kerosene lantern with its smoky chimney. Thinking what a pitiful light he had for such a dark tropical night, she said, "That lamp does not give you much light, does it, Papa John?" "No, it does not," came the reply, "but it shines as far as I can step."

That is not a bad commentary on the nature of faith. Hebrews 11:1 describes faith: "*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*" Trust God for today, though you cannot see the future. He will always give light for as far as you can step now. So believe this much, obey all that you know, and do what is right according to His will.

Commit your way to the Lord today, and he will direct your path. Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.*"

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