

DAY 1

Everything is possible for him who believes. (Mark 9:23)

~~ Genuine moral fiber ~~

The “everything” mentioned here does not always come simply by asking, because God is always seeking to teach you the way of faith. Your training for a life of faith requires many areas of learning including the trial of faith, the discipline of faith, the patience of faith, and the courage of faith. Often you will pass through many stages before you finally realize the result of faith – namely, the victory of faith.

Genuine *moral fiber* [*the capacity to keep up faith, no matter what the circumstance*] is developed by enduring the discipline of faith. When you have made your request to God, and the answer still has not come, what are you to do? Keep on believing His Word! God will often purposely delay in giving you His answer, and in fact the delay is just as much an answer to your prayer as is the fulfillment when it comes.

No amount of persecution will try you as much as experiences like these – ones in which you are required to wait on God. Once He has spoken His promise to work, it is truly hard to wait as you see the days go by with no fulfillment. Yet it is this discipline of faith that will bring you into knowledge of God that would otherwise be impossible. (LC – May 12)

~~ Pray ~~

Thank you, Lord, for calling me as your child through Jesus Christ! I will keep up my faith, no matter how long it takes. Please help me to hold on to your promise and to surrender my desires to your timeline. I know you want me to build the genuine *moral fiber* of my commitment to you in Christ.