

DAY 20

He knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold. (Job 23:10)

~~ Faith is God-given ability ~~

Faith grows during storms. These are just four little words, but what significance they have to someone who has endured life-threatening storms!

Faith is that God-given ability that, when exercised, brings the unseen into plain view. It deals with the supernatural and makes impossible things possible. And yes, *it grows during storms*.

The strongest trees are found not in the thick shelter of the forest but out in the open, where winds from every direction bear down upon them. The fierce winds bend and twist them until they become giant in stature.

It is the same in the spiritual world. Remember, when you see a person of great spiritual stature, the road you must travel to walk with him is not one where the sun always shines, and wildflowers always bloom. Instead, the way is a steep, rocky, and narrow path, where the winds of hell will try to knock you off your feet.

The path of faith is one of sorrow and joy, suffering and healing comfort, tears and smiles, trials and victories, conflicts and triumphs, troubles, and distress. Yet *"in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."* (Rom. 8:37). Amen.  
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~~~ Pray ~~~

Abba Father,

Thank you for your presence with me when my heart is full of tears and helpless loneliness. When I am beating my heart, Your grace is poured into my soul and leads me to turn my eyes upon Jesus, who loves and suffered for me. You are my strength and power. You are in me and I am in You. Praise the Lord! Amen. (DC)