

DAY 30

By faith Abraham ... obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. (Hebrews 11:8)

~~ *Seeing is not faith but reasoning* ~~

This is faith without sight. Seeing is not faith but reasoning. When crossing the Atlantic by ship, I once observed this very principle of faith. I saw no path marked out on the sea, nor could I even see the shore. Yet each day, we marked our progress on a chart as if we had been following a giant chalk line across the water. And when we came within sight of land on the other side of the Atlantic, we knew exactly where we were, as if we had been able to see it from three thousand miles away.

How had our course been so precisely plotted? Every day, our captain had taken his instruments, looked to the sky, and determined his course by the sun. He was sailing using heavenly lights, not earthly ones.

Genuine faith also looks up and sails, by using God's great Son. It never travels by seeing the shoreline, earthly lighthouses, or paths along the way. And the steps of faith often lead to total uncertainty or even darkness and disaster, but the Lord will open the way and often makes the darkest of midnight hours as bright as the dawning of the day.

Too many of us want to see our way through a new endeavor before we will even start. Let us move forth today, not knowing or seeing, but trusting. - *Days of Heaven upon Earth*. (LC - Aug 23)

~~~ *Pray* ~~~

Abba Father,

It is amazing a ship crosses the Atlantic without any solid marks on the sea. It totally relies upon the Sun, Moon, and stars in the sky. Oh, Lord! Please guide us to look upon Jesus as our solid mark in our uncertain life. We have no fear because we have faith in Jesus who is the captain of our life and knows the best way. Amen. (DC)