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“FAITH IS NOT A TOOL. FAITH IS A GIFT.”

READ

Lamentations 3:25, Colossians 1:21-23

There is a fleshy kind of faith. It is a faith based on what God can DO for you, not for who He IS. There is a real faith that says, “It isn’t about what I want or me getting something. It’s about believing that God is taking care of me, and knows what I need.” Flesh faith always has a deadline. It’s you looking beyond the will of God and wanting your will. Real faith says the Lord is good to those who wait on Him. Paul prayed that God would give the Colossians a faith on the inside that would allow them to be patient when their world was all to pieces. Flesh faith has specifics. It tells God exactly how much, when, where, and who. Flesh faith designs its own answered prayer, instead of trusting a sovereign God who knows what we need before we ask. Faith is a gift for you to see the handiwork of God. It is a gift that lets you see that it’s not what you do, it’s what He’s done. He hears and answers prayers of faith — not prayers designed to change things or manipulate God. Prayers that say, with brokenness and humility, “Here I am. I am Yours. I trust You, so I lay my life down.”

PRAY

Lord, give me patience and joy waiting on You. I want to rejoice while I’m anticipating Your perfect plan. I’m tired of the architectural designs of my faith that I’ve given to You. I trust You.

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