

MAY 28

“DO YOU WANT TO PLEASE GOD? HAVE FAITH.”

READ

Hebrews 11:1-6

We all want to please God, and it's actually pretty simple: Have faith. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Faith is trust. It is what you do when there is no answer, when your valiant efforts have blown up in your face, when He's in the room with you but doesn't say a word. You have faith. You don't have to feel a thing, you don't have to have an answer. You can be sitting at home, in ICU, in rehab, in an attorney's office asking, "Why?" and He may not respond. He just expects you to trust Him. When you do, you look the most awful situation in the face and bless the Lord. You look at the invisible and know God is there. In Acts 9, when the Lord told Ananias to pray for Saul, He said, "I will show him how much he must suffer for my name sake." Paul was chosen by God, as was Moses. Moses did what God told him, yet the people wanted to stone him. Christianity is a matter of preparing, breaking, lopping off, chiseling, so that you might be filled with the fullness of God. The same God Who called Moses and let him be misunderstood, and Who called Paul and let him suffer many things, is the same God Who called you. He will lead you in places you cannot explain and do not like, only to bring you out so that when He is finished, you will be like pure gold.

PRAY

“ 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus. Oh for grace, to trust You more.”

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