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Now is the Time: Now is the Time to Rekindle Our Faith
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Hebrews 11:6 (NIV): And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

There are several different dimensions of faith:

Saving Faith

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV): For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

Sanctifying Faith

Acts 26:17-18 (NIV): “I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.”

Seizing Faith

Matthew 11:12 (GW): From the time of John the Baptizer until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful people have been seizing it.

The Five Components of a Seizing Faith that Lead to Kingdom Advancement (FAITH)

Component #1 = F: Seizing Faith Always Involves a FUTURE Orientation!

Hebrews 11:1 (NIV): Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

Hebrews 11:3 (NIV): By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

Component #2 = A: Seizing Faith Always Requires ACTIVATION of the Dream!

Hebrews 11:7 (NIV): By faith Noah, when warned...built an ark...

Hebrews 11:8 (NIV): By faith Abraham, when called...obeyed and went...

Hebrews 11:17 (NIV): By faith Abraham, when...tested...offered Isaac...

Hebrews 11:27 (NIV): By faith [Moses] left Egypt...

James 2:17 (NIV): ...[F]aith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

Component #3 = I: Seizing Faith Always Requires the INVESTMENT of Our Time, Energy, and Resources!

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (NIV): Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

Proverbs 14:4 (NIV): Where there are no oxen, the manger is empty...

Proverbs 14:4 (NIV): ...but from the strength of an ox come abundant harvests.

The desire for an increased harvest is made possible by a decision of increased investment!

Component #4 = T: Seizing Faith Always Requires TRUST in God's Leading and Provision!

Component #5 = H: Seizing Faith Always Stands in HOPE of What God Will Release!