

Un-stop-pa-ble

(adj.) A Church That Doesn't Stop

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UNSTOPPABLE

PART V: A BOLD FAITH

Nehemiah 4:14-17 (NLT). *Then as I looked over the situation, I called together the nobles and the rest of the people and said to them, "Don't be afraid of the enemy! Remember the Lord, who is great and glorious, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes!" When our enemies heard that we knew of their plans and that God had frustrated them, we all returned to our work on the wall. But from then on, only half my men worked while the other half stood guard with spears, shields, bows, and coats of mail. The leaders stationed themselves behind the people of Judah who were building the wall. The laborers carried on their work with one hand supporting their load and one hand holding a weapon.*

REMEMBER: An unstoppable church advances forward with a bold faith.

Hebrews 11:6 (NLT). *And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.*

Bold: Uncommon and daring; Capable of undertaking uncommon, difficult, and risky actions - despite the fear.

Faith is the God-given ability that allows me to see things the way God sees them.

We remind ourselves of the vision, because the vision keeps us aligned, focused and calibrated.

FAITH REQUIRES:

1. [FAITHFULNESS] WITH WHAT I HAVE.

Don't focus on what you don't have, focus on what you do have and in faith believe that God can do something with your little.

1 Corinthians 4:2 (NLT). Now, a person who is put in charge as a manager must be faithful.

Proverbs 28:20 (NIV). A faithful man will be richly blessed,

2. [RISK] WITH WHAT'S MISSING.

Hebrews 11:1 (NLT). Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.

Faith is not the absence of fear, it is moving forward despite the fear.

Hudson Taylor: "Unless there is an element of risk in our exploits for God, there is no need for faith."

Matthew 25:24-27 (NLT). Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, 'Master... I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.' "But the master replied, 'You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I didn't plant and gathered crops I didn't cultivate, why didn't you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.'"

3. FORWARD [MOVEMENT].

Because God is with us, we can move forward!

James 2:14,17-18 (NLT). What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. Now someone may argue, "Some people have faith; others have good deeds." But I say, "How can you show me your faith if you don't have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds.'"

A. W. Tozer: "God works while His people live boldly. He stops working when they no longer need His help."



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