

Archdale Friends Meeting

February 6th, 2021

When was the last time God invited you to step out in faith? And I mean *really* step out—step out into the unknown because God has called you. A Colorado pastor friend of mine recently resigned/retired from his position at an earlier age than normal (not old enough to get Social Security). He could have just hung in for a few more years and been fine, but the Holy Spirit invited him to step out in faith. There was no job waiting for him and he has no idea what the future holds. But he knows God holds the future.

As my pastor friend said, “Faith always has elements of risk, loss, and ruin.” He sure is right. Actually, I think faith *requires* risk, loss, and ruin. Stepping out in faith requires us to leave behind things like comfort, routine, and *our* plans for our future. When God asks us to step out in faith, He is signaling that the old must pass for the new to be birthed. As John the Baptist said when asked about Jesus, “I must decrease so that he may increase” (John 3:30).

God rarely ever gives us the clear, point-by-point path to where He wants to take us. I have found that He usually only gives me one or two immediate steps to take. And if I am faithful with those, the Lord will give me more steps...in His timing. This process repeats itself as I learn, like a child, to walk in faith. This is the faith journey—the life of faith.

Again, when was the last time God invited you to step out in faith? And when was the last time you let go of the old to step into the new?

Prayer: Lord, may we be a people who are willing to step out in faith when You call us into Your future.

Pastor Chad Riggs