

The Reward of Faith

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- Identify your struggle, lack of faith, Test of Faith:
 - Ask: “What would Jesus tell me?”
 - Are you using God's means of Grace to step forward in faith?
 - How is God working in YOUR life NOW?
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