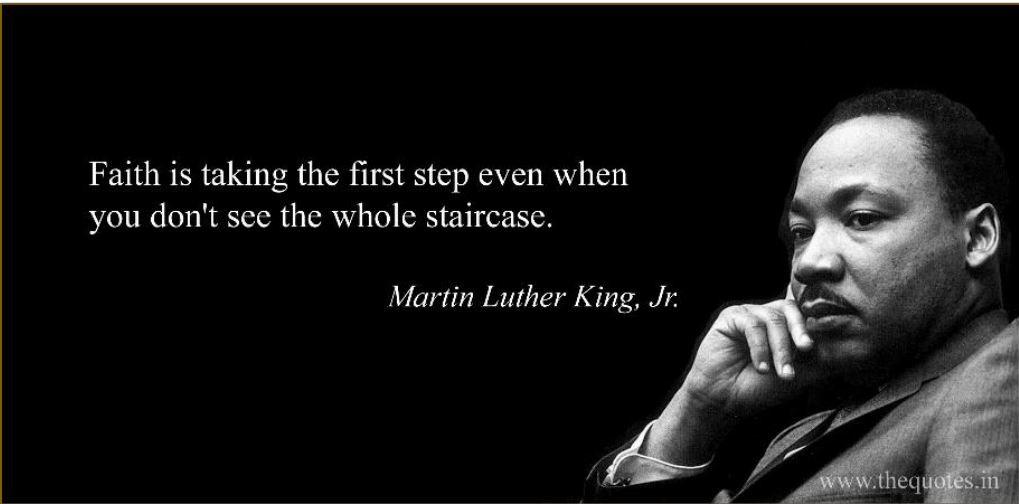


# The Next Step of Faith

There is always a next step of faith since we walk by faith. There are times we “stand,” but faith is about movement. It is going somewhere. There is always a goal, a destination, a journey. Finding that purpose of faith is essential. Faith sees the world as broken and in need of renewal. Faith sees people as harassed and helpless and in need of a Shepherd. Faith sees the world as full of potential disciples. Faith sees children as the carriers of truth to future generations. Faith sees families as gospel outposts supporting the work of the kingdom. Faith sees potential in the most vile and weak. Faith is always looking to an end, a future, a fulfillment, an accomplishment, and a victory. Therefore, there is always a next step. Faith takes us farther, deeper, higher, and longer. We go where we never thought we could. We understand and live deeper than we ever thought we could. We ascend higher in praise and worship than we ever imagined we would. We endure and persevere longer than we ever thought we would. There is always a next step. When we are tired, there is always a next step. When we are worried, there is always a next step. When we are sick, there is always a next step. When we are confused, there is always a next step. When we are without resources, there is always a next step. In Christ there is always one more move on the table. There is always one more prayer, one more Scripture to recall, one more witness in our cloud, one more bit of encouragement in our cupboard. Faith assures us we are never without--we are rich in faith. We have everything we need. We are kings. We are more than conquerors. We are His children, and He always has one more gift to give us. Faith drives us on and is our great reward. There is always a next step.



Faith is taking the first step even when  
you don't see the whole staircase.

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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# Reflection and Discussion



What were the last 2-3 steps of faith you took?

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Talk about some of the destinations of faith. Where does faith lead?

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What does faith see when it looks forward?

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Spend some time talking about farther, deeper, higher, and longer regarding faith. Give examples from your life.

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What is your next step of faith?

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