

MOVING UP HIGHER

with Joyce Meyer



What is faith? And what does it look like to actually live by faith?

These are important questions, because we receive and experience the blessings God has for us through faith.

Hebrews 11:1 says, "Faith is the assurance (title deed, confirmation) of things hoped for (divinely guaranteed), and the evidence of things not seen [the conviction of their reality – faith comprehends as fact what cannot be experienced by the physical senses]" (AMP).

I like to define faith as the hand that reaches out and receives what God has for us. By faith we believe what God says in His Word is true, that it's for us, and that we will receive everything He wants to give us. We believe we have His promises before we get them or experience them.

Everyone has faith, but not everyone puts their faith in God.

But first and foremost, we need to put our faith in God and the truth of the Bible.

Romans 1:17 says, "For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed, both springing from faith and leading to faith [disclosed in a way that awakens more faith]. As it...forever remains written, "The

just and upright shall live by faith."

One of the main ways we hear God's voice is through His Word, which is why it's critically important for us to study the Bible. When we diligently study the Word, we get revelation of who God is, how He loves us, and what His will is for our lives. We learn how to pray for the things He wants to give us...the kind of life Jesus died for us to have.

James 4 says that people live in strife, quarreling and fighting, because they try to get what they want and they're jealous of what others have, but they can't make it happen for themselves. The end of verse 2 says, "You don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it" (NLT). And verse 3 says, "And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong – you want only what will give you pleasure."

Have you been trying to get something or make something happen and you're frustrated because you can't achieve it? Maybe you're struggling because you're striving to do it in your own strength, and maybe you're going after things that aren't right for you or in God's plan for your life.

We need to pray and ask God for what we want, but we need to ask for the blessings He wants to give us. I often pray like this: "God, I'm going to ask You for everything I want, but if I ask for something that's not right for me, please don't give it to me. I really only want what YOU want for me, because You know what's best for me."

There are some situations where we may not know for sure what God's will is, and that's when we need to trust that if we don't get what we think we want, it's because He has something better for us. But there are many things we can ask for with assurance and confident expectation that God will give them because He promises them to us in

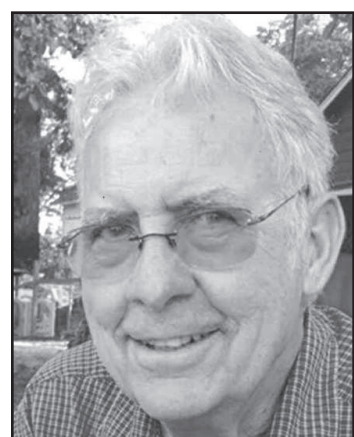
His Word. Here are a few...

- You don't have to be lonely because God is always with you (Psalm 73:23; Hebrews 13:50).
- You can have peace in every situation (John 14:27; Philippians 4:6-7).
- You can have God's wisdom for every decision (James 1:5).
- You have the strength, in Christ, to do whatever you need to do (Philippians 4:13).
- God loves you and He has an amazing plan for your life (John 3:16; 1 John 4:9-10; Jeremiah 29:11).

God has so much more for you than what you have experienced so far in your life. Make it your number one priority to spend time with Him every day in prayer and Bible study, and begin boldly asking Him to give you every good thing He's planned for you.

IN MEMORIAM

John Moore 1940-2018



John was born Jan. 1, 1940 in Lamar, Oklahoma, to John Henry Moore and Jettie Carman (Wade). John passed away April 25, 2018 of complications from a stroke.

John married Joyce Floyd on February 28, 1969 in Winnemucca, Nevada.

John was defined by his family; immediate and extended. As a young man and to his brothers and sisters he was and still is "Johnny". To his 4 boys he will forever be "Dad" and is their hero and role model who is 100% responsible for any and all successes in their lives; teaching them what it is to be a man, husband and father to their own children. The work ethic, morality and humility he taught his boys will be treasured by them forever and has served his boys well. To his wife Joyce he was many things but most importantly he was her "sweetie" who would and did do anything in the world for her.

John's professional career was mainly as a millworker. Later in life after retiring from the lumber industry John became a Certified Nurse's Assistant caring for the elderly. He enjoyed reading and studying for his faith and "yard sale-ing" with his wife Joyce. His main hobby and part-time profession was woodworking, furniture building and design and John shared this passion with his best friend Walter; together they created many wonderful pieces of furniture and other woodworking art.

Another of John's passions was his church family. He was a very active member and Elder at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Cottage Grove OR. John was a mentor and faith role model to other church members and has participated in many construction, design and art projects over the years and his handiwork can be seen throughout the church community in the building itself and especially in the hearts and minds of the entire congregation.

John is survived by his wife, Joyce Moore. Children, Jack Moore (son) of Bend, OR; Jeff Moore (son) of Daniel Island, SC; Jerry Moore (son) of Eugene, OR; and Jason Moore (son) of San Diego, CA. Siblings Dwight Moore (brother) of Payette, ID; Grace Jenkins (sister) of Virginia; Leon Moore (brother) of Manteca, CA; Don Moore (brother) of Caldwell, ID; Bill Moore (brother) of Caldwell, ID; and Mary Moore (sister) of Caldwell, ID. He leaves behind 9 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Tuesday May 1, 2018.

DEATH NOTICE: Lois G. Riley, 91 of Drain, OR, passed away on APRIL 28, 2018. Memorial services and potluck reception to follow will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 5 at the Assembly of God Church in Drain.

BIRTHS

Megan and Zachary Lafoca of Cottage Grove welcomed a baby girl on April 29 at PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center-RiverBend.

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SANDRA JAUNITA ROBISON BROWN 1945-2018



A journey on Earth that began July 25, 1945 in Mena, Arkansas for Sandra Brown ended on the morning of April 27 2018 at Riverbend Hospital in Springfield, Oregon. She was a beloved wife, mother, aunt and friend to many who will be greatly missed. Sandra is survived by husband Gene, sons Brandon, (Tara) and Jeb and two very precious grand girls, Gracie and Abigail. Early in her life Sandra moved to Idaho with her parents, Helen and Ray Robison and her sister Cholla. Both parents and sister preceded her to a life of eternity. She attended schools in Boise and was currently enrolled at Boise State University when Gene came along in May of 1963. They married on September 12, 1964. Sandra's career was spent working for the State of Idaho, when she and Gene relocated to Cottage Grove. Shortly after, Sandra began a new, much more rewarding career working part time at the Cottage Grove Veterinary Clinic where she so easily satisfied her love for animals. Her sudden illness forced retirement from there just recently. Sandra's unfaltering belief in God and her love for our Lord Jesus Christ helped her through the difficult times in her life as a wife and mother; her passing words to her son Brandon were to ask him if had been saved. When Brandon answered, "Yes, mam, I've been saved," she replied, "That's good, I can go now." In lieu of flowers, Sandra would probably rather you check the air pressure in your car tires or contribute to a cause of your choosing. Per Sandra's request, no services are planned at this time.

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Noah's Ark — Found!

Location: **Creswell Sabbath Fellowship**
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May 11, 2018

(No Charge Event)

6:00—8:30 p.m. (refreshments served at 5:30-6:00) For information or to pre-register: 541-895-3338 or 541-895-5300

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