



Faith, Assignment & Gradual Increase

Hebrews 11

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Scripture

Jeremiah 1:5, 10

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¹⁰See, I have this day appointed you to the oversight of the nations and of the kingdoms to root out and pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.

Mark 4:26-29

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Scripture cont.

Mark 4: 30-32

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Introduction

In Life we can become so angry with our present pain, we loose sight of our purpose.

Background

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God has given every believer a spiritual and practical assignment

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Proposition

A plateau can be a time for you to rest, reflect, and renew.

Problem

Taking James 3:2-5 for granted

²For we all often stumble and fall and offend in many things. And if anyone does not offend in speech [never says the wrong things], he is a fully developed character and a perfect man, able to control his whole body and to curb his entire nature. ³If we set bits in the horses' mouths to make them obey us, we can turn their whole bodies about. ⁴Likewise, look at the ships: though they are so great and are driven by rough winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the impulse of the helmsman determines. ⁵Even so the tongue is a little member, and it can boast of great things. See how much wood or how great a forest a tiny spark can set ablaze!

➤ Increase and decrease is in your mouth



I. Faith

- It is how you receive salvation.
- It is how you will receive success.
- It is how you sustain your success.
- Hebrews 11; It's about Men and Women who received transformed lives through faith.

II. Assignment

➤ To help and solve people & problems.

➤ Seasons of Preparing

➤ **Preparing for Warfare – 2 Timothy 2:3&4**

³Take [with me] your share of the hardships and suffering [which you are called to endure] as a good (first-class) soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No soldier when in service gets entangled in the enterprises of [civilian] life; his aim is to satisfy and please the one who enlisted him.

➤ **Preparing for Disappointment – 2 Timothy 4:10**

¹⁰For Demas has deserted me for love of this present world and has gone to Thessalonica; Crescens [has gone] to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.



Assignment cont.

➤ Preparing for Chastening – Hebrews 12:6-11

⁶For the Lord corrects and disciplines everyone whom He loves, and He punishes, even scourges, every son whom He accepts and welcomes to His heart and cherishes. ⁷You must submit to and endure [correction] for discipline; God is dealing with you as with sons. For what son is there whom his father does not [thus] train and correct and discipline? ⁸Now if you are exempt from correction and left without discipline in which all [of God's children] share, then you are illegitimate offspring and not true sons [at all]. ⁹Moreover, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we yielded [to them] and respected [them for training us]. Shall we not much more cheerfully submit to the Father of spirits and so [truly] live? ¹⁰For [our earthly fathers] disciplined us for only a short period of time and chastised us as seemed proper and good to them; but He disciplines us for our certain good, that we may become sharers in His own holiness. ¹¹For the time being no discipline brings joy, but seems grievous and painful; but afterwards it yields a peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it [a harvest of fruit which consists in righteousness--in conformity to God's will in purpose, thought, and action, resulting in right living and right standing with God].



III. Gradual Increase

➤ Mark 4:26-29 *Parable of Seed*

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➤ **V.26** – Understanding how the Kingdom of God operates is priceless.

➤ **V27-28** Speaking faith changes a situation so gradually that it can not be detected by the natural eye.



Gradual Increase cont.

➤ **II Corinthians 5:7** Believers walk by faith not by sight

⁷For we walk by faith [we regulate our lives and conduct ourselves by our conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, with trust and holy fervor; thus we walk] not by sight or appearance.

➤ **V29** - ²⁹But when the grain is ripe and permits, immediately he sends forth [the reapers] and puts in the sickle, because the harvest stands ready.

Faith is not **IF** but **WHEN**.



Closing

Parable of the Mustard Seed – Mark 4:30-32

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The End result of Faith produces confidence in our assignment and understanding of gradual increase.

