

have a swelled head, (5) Doesn't force itself on others, Isn't always "me first," Doesn't fly off the handle, Doesn't keep score of the sins of others, (6) Doesn't revel when others grovel, Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, (7) Puts up with anything, Trusts God always, Always looks for the best, Never looks back, But keeps going to the end. (8a) Love never dies.

I Corinthians 13:7 LITV- Love quietly covers all things.

Genesis 9:20-23 AMP – (20) And Noah began to cultivate the ground, and he planted a vineyard. (21) And he drank of the wine and became drunk, and he was uncovered and lay naked in his tent. (22) And Ham, the father of Canaan, glanced at and saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brothers outside. (23) So Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it upon the shoulders of both, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they did not see their father's nakedness.

I Peter 4:8 HCSB - Above all, keep your love for one another at full strength, since love covers a multitude of sins.

I Corinthians 11:18-19 NAS – (18) For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that divisions exist among you; and in part, I believe it. (19) For there must also be factions among you, in order that those who are approved may have become evident among you.

It's not when things are going well and everything is running smoothly that we discover those who are planted – it's when things are shifting, stretching and shaking that we will discover those whose roots are truly planted.

THE COMING MOVE

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INTRODUCTION

Hebrews 12:28 AMP – We receive a kingdom that is firm and stable and cannot be shaken.

Hebrews 11:8 AMP – Urged on by faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed and went forth to a place which he was destined to receive as an inheritance; and he went, although he did not know or trouble his mind about where he was to go.

I Corinthians 13:9-10, 12-13 NIV – (9) For we know in part and we prophesy in part, (10) but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. (12) Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. (13) And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Three graces: faith, hope and love - to help move us into destiny.

I. FAITH

A. The God Who Never Changes

Hebrews 12:2 AMP – Looking away from all that will distract to Jesus, Who is the Leader and the Source (Author) of our faith, giving the first incentive for our belief and is also its Finisher, bringing it to maturity and perfection.

Hebrews 13:8 AMP – Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is always the same, yesterday, today, yes and forever to the ages.

B. The God of the Unknown

We must have faith in God's ability to lead us in what we are not familiar with; in that which is new.

Proverbs 3:5-6 AMP – (5) Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord with all your heart and mind and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. (6) In all your ways know, recognize, and acknowledge Him, and He will direct and make straight and plain your paths.

C. The God of Grace

We must trust that God's grace to keep us is greater than the enemy's strategies to deceive us.

I Peter 5:10 AMP – The God of all grace, Who imparts all blessing and favor, Who has called you to His own eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will Himself complete and make you what you ought to be, establish and ground you securely, and strengthen, and settle you.

We must have faith in God that He is able to accomplish His perfect will through imperfect human vessels.

II. HOPE

Hope is a confident expectation.

Romans 15:13 AMP – May the God of your hope so fill you with all joy and peace in believing through the experience of your faith that by the power of the Holy

Spirit you may abound and be overflowing, bubbling over with hope.

Hebrews 6:18-19 AMP – (18) This was so that, by two unchangeable things (His promise and His oath), in which it is impossible for God to prove false or deceive us, we who have fled to Him for refuge might have mighty indwelling strength and strong encouragement to grasp and hold fast the hope appointed for us and set before us. (19) Now we have this hope as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, it cannot slip and it cannot break down under whoever steps out upon it – a hope that reaches farther and enters into the very certainty of the Presence within the veil.

Psalms 16:8 AMP – I have set the Lord continually before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Philippians 1:6 AMP – And I am convinced and sure (confident) of this very thing, that He Who began a good work in you will continue until the day of Jesus Christ (right up to the time of His return), developing that good work and perfecting and bringing it to full completion in you.

Psalms 27:14 AMP – Wait and hope for and expect the Lord; be brave and of good courage and let your heart be stout and enduring. Yes, wait for and hope for and expect the Lord.

III. LOVE

Love is the mark of true maturity.

I Corinthians 13:4-8a MSG - (4) Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, Doesn't