

## 08-10-25 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“The true meaning of faith has to do with living in a life-giving, life-transforming relationship with the One we have come to know as God – a relationship characterized by mutual love, fidelity, and trust. It is not primarily a matter of assenting to certain statements or claims about God, but of believing in God, and of being willing to trust in God, even in the most difficult circumstances.”

*David Vryhof*



Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

### Questions for Reflection —

- In what ways is faith an animating and life-giving force in your life? What does it look like for you to live by faith? What would you identify as the various stages your faith has gone through? What challenges have you faced in your life of faith? What practices have nurtured and sustained your faith in the face of those challenges? How has your life been transformed by your relationship with God?
- What Biblical figure(s) have inspired your faith? To what stories in scripture do you turn for strength and courage to persist in the walk of faith? What living persons have been most influential in your faith life? What role does being part of a church community play in your faith? How can we as a congregation support and encourage one another in our faith journeys?
- What circumstances or situations in our society are presently causing you anxiety, worry, or uncertainty about the future? How does your faith influence your understanding of the world and current events? How can your faith help you navigate as you face various realities? What does it mean for you to trust God with your life no matter what happens? What will help increase your awareness of God's working in your life, in the lives of those around you, and in our world?

### Daily Household Prayer

Mighty God, dress us for action, for the world is in need of our care. Turn us from our selfish ways and help us share the fat of this good land. For when we refuse and rebel, we reap what we have sown. Your care and compassion call to us. Your mercy and grace reach out to us. Heal us this day, and may it be your good pleasure to give us the kingdom. Amen.