

The image features a landscape with a road leading towards mountains under a cloudy sky. A semi-transparent topographic map is overlaid on the scene, showing contour lines, rivers, and various place names in Cyrillic. The map is in shades of blue and white, contrasting with the natural colors of the landscape below. The text 'FAITH JOURNEY' is centered in white capital letters across the middle of the image.

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Faith To Find God in All Things

1. Faith to Find God in the Ordinary

‘..Abram was living near the great trees of Mamre the Amorite...’

Genesis 14:13

1. Faith to Find God in the Ordinary

‘Brother Lawrence retreated to place in his heart, where the love of God made every detail of his life of surpassing value. He wrote, “I began to live as if there were no one save God and me in the world.” Together, God and Brother Lawrence cooked meals, ran errands, scrubbed pots, and endured the scorn of the world.’

2. Faith to Find God in Difficulty

- We don't turn to God in suffering because we become irrational; rather, because our defences get lowered in difficulty, God is able to get through to us.
- We become more open in difficulty

'After Abram returned from defeating Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, and he blessed Abram.'

Genesis 14:17-18

'The king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the people and keep the goods for yourself." But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "With raised hand I have sworn an oath to the LORD God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, that I will accept nothing belonging to you, not even a thread or the strap of a sandal, so that you will never be able to say, "I made Abram rich.' I will accept nothing but what my men have eaten and the share that belongs to the men who went with me – to Aner, Eshkol, and Mamre. Let them have their share.'

Genesis 14:21-23

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3. Faith to Find God in Dissatisfaction

*'Our hearts are restless until they find
their rest in you.'*

St Augustine

3. Faith to Find God in Dissatisfaction

‘Somewhere deep in our hearts, we already know that success, fame, influence, power, and money do not give us the inner joy and peace we crave.

Somewhere we can sense a certain envy of those who have shed all false ambitions and found a deeper fulfilment in their relationship with God.’

Henri Nouwen

‘Holy Discontent’ Bill Hybels

4. Faith To Find God in Surprising Places

'Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, and he blessed Abram., saying "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. And praise be to God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything'

Genesis 14:18-20

4. Faith To Find God in Surprising Places

- Look for our 'Melchizedeks'
 - God at work
 - outside the Church
 - outside our systems
 - outside our programmes
 - outside our boxes
- Faith means we look for God in all things

5. Faith to Find God in Giving

*‘and he blessed Abram., saying “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. And praise be to God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand.” Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything’
Genesis 14:19-20*

5. Faith to Find God in Giving

The basis of our giving is gratitude. God has blessed me. God has been good to me. God has revealed Himself to me and allowed me to know Him. So, I give back a portion of what God first gave me.

5. Faith to Find God in Giving

*‘When The Game Is Over, It All
Goes Back In The Box.’*

John Ortberg

5. Faith to Find God in Giving

The Tithe: 90% of what God gives us we use to meet all ours and others needs; but to remember that it all belongs to God He tells us to give 10% back to Him.

The Tithe: not on the basis of grudging negotiation but loving relationship

5. Faith to Find God in Giving

All the tithe to the local church?

'For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.' Matthew 6:21

Your Heart will be here if your treasure is here

If we give, we'll care. If we don't we won't.

Pray for awareness

**Pray that the eyes of our hearts would be
enlightened**

So that we will find God in all things