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FAITH TO FINISH

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THREE TRUTHS ABOUT FAITH TO FINISH

1. Faith to Finish SEES the Victory.

Hebrews 12:2 “Jesus...who for the joy that was set before Him...”

Ephesians 1:18 “I pray that the eyes of your heart will be flooded with light so that **you can see** the wonderful

future that God has
promised to those He called.”

Vision is Vital to your Victory.

Proverbs 29:18 “Where there
is no vision, the people
perish.”

John 5:19-20 “Jesus
explained, ‘I tell you the
truth, the Son can do nothing
by Himself. He does only
what He sees the Father
doing. Whatever the Father
does, the Son also does. For
the Father loves the Son and
shows Him everything He
is doing. In fact, the Father
will **show Him** how to do
even greater works than
healing this man.’”

Genesis 15:1-6 “After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, ‘Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.’ But Abram said, ‘Lord God, what will You give me, seeing I go childless?’ Then Abram said, ‘Look, You have given me no offspring.’ Then the Lord said to him, ‘You will have a son of your own who will be your heir.’ Then the Lord took Abram outside and said to him, ‘Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That’s how many descendants you will have!’ And Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord counted

him as righteous because of his faith.”

**Your Provision is in
the Vision!**

**2. Faith to Finish is
STEADFAST Through
the Struggles.**

Hebrews 12:2

**“Jesus...endured the
Cross, despising the
shame...”**

Hebrews 5:8 “Even though Jesus was God’s Son, He learned obedience from the things He suffered.”

James 1:2-4 “Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet

trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”

Exodus 23:27, 30 “I will send My terror ahead of you and throw into confusion every nation you encounter. I will make all your enemies turn their backs and run. Little by little I will drive them out before you, until you have increased enough to take possession of the land.”

**To finish in victory, you
have to SEE what lies**

**ahead and DO what lies
at hand.**

Luke 9:23 “Jesus said, ‘If any of you wants to be My follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow Me.’”

**Your provision is in the
vision, but the
procurement is in the
practice. You do the
natural and God will do
the supernatural.**

Hebrews 6:12 “Follow the example of those who are going to inherit God’s promises because of their **faith and endurance.**”

Hebrews 3:14 “For if we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as firmly as when we first believed, we will share in all that belongs to Christ.”

3. Faith to Finish Succeeds in Victory.

Hebrews 12:2 “Jesus is **seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**”

Mark 5:34 “Jesus said to her, ‘Daughter, your **faith** has made you well. Go in peace. Your suffering is over.’”

Matthew 9:29 “Jesus said, ‘Because of your **faith**, it will happen.’”

Matthew 15:28 “Jesus said to her, ‘Your **faith** is great. Your request is granted.’”

Matthew 21:21-22 “Jesus told them, ‘I tell you the truth, if you have **faith** and don’t doubt, you can do things like this and much more. You can even say to this mountain, ‘May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ and it will happen. You can pray for anything, and if you have faith, you will receive it.’”

**God honors faith
because faith honors
God.**

Memory Verse: Hebrews 12:2 “Let us look to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”