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The Faith Walk

Niagara Falls has a history of people who have performed many daring life-threatening stunts. One such performer was a man by the name of Jean-Francois Gravelet, better known as Charles Blondin or "The Great Blondin!"

Many believed Charles Blondin was the greatest tightrope walker who ever lived. He would walk, run, dance, walk on stilts across the tightrope, to the amazement and

delight of the huge crowds who watched. There was one time he walked across carrying his manager on his back.

One time he took a wheelbarrow full of bricks from one side to the other with little effort. After this amazing feat, Blondin turned to the crowd and asked, "How many of you believe I can push a man across the gorge in this wheelbarrow?" Thousands in the crowd all shouted, "We believe! We believe!"

The Great Blondin then asked, "Which one of you would like to volunteer?" The crowd went silent and not a sound could be heard except the sound of the wind. There wasn't one single person in that whole crowd who would put their trust in Blondin to wheel them across the gorge, after most said they believed he could do it.

The Bible says we are to walk by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7). It also says that faith without works is dead (James 2:26). Faith is simply trusting God at His Word! Faith is more than just talk, but how we are to walk according to the Word of God.

Actions speak louder than words, and our faith is determined by our actions, not by just what we say we believe! When we truly believe God, by faith we walk according to His Word! Even when the troubles come, faith in God will carry us over those deep gorges and stormy waters.

The Book of Matthew, Chapter 14, tells of Peter walking on the water. He was able to do so by putting his trust in the words of Jesus. He and the other disciples were in a ship battling a storm, but saw Jesus walking on the stormy waters. Peter cried out to Jesus, asking to walk on the water to Him. Jesus said, "Come!"

Peter believed because he trusted in Jesus words. He got out and walked on the water to Jesus. However, when Peter focused on the winds and boisterous waves he became overwhelmed with doubt and unbelief. Taking his eyes off Jesus caused Peter to sink before crying out "Lord save me!" Jesus reached down and saved Peter from sinking. "O ye of little faith, why did you doubt," Jesus said to Peter. Give Peter credit, as he stepped out and walk on the stormy waters, while the others remained in the boat.

"THERE YOU SEE" ... in 2023

Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever (*Hebrews 13:6*) When we walk according to His Word we can cross over any deep valley and sail through any storm. We can move any mountain. By having faith in Gods Word, *I am what the Word says I am! I can have what the Word says I can have! I can do what the Word says I can do!*

The Great Blondin did many amazing feats! Putting our faith and trust in the Greater One, acting upon His Word, we too can do amazing things. *"The people who know and trust their God shall be strong and carry our great exploits (Daniel 11:32) NKJV*

FAITH SEES THE ANSWER!

"I walk by Faith and not by sight!" Faith declares we have it in our heart before we see it in our circumstances. We all have dreams and goals that our Father God has placed in our hearts. Things we're believing for! Situations that we would like to see changed... but how? Well, things don't change by wishing they would change. Things change when we pick up our **FAITH** and we believe for change! God's promises are like seeds that we plant in the soil of our heart. We activate the seed by believing in our heart and speaking with our mouth the desire that we want to see come to pass. Like any seed in the ground there is a growing time before that seed comes to full manifestation, but we wait with expectancy that whatever we plant that is what we are going to get.

From the time we pray till the time we see the answer come to pass, that's called **"the trial of our faith!"** This is the time when many people get discouraged and give up on their prayers. The enemy has been alerted and does everything he can to put thoughts of unbelief into our mind like...it's never going to happen...it's taken too long! Who do you think you are that God would answer your prayers?" Lies! Lies! This is when we dig in and **hold fast** to the confession of our Faith and **we don't let go!** This is when we walk by Faith and not by sight! We call those things that 'be not' as though they were" and we refuse to give up on our dreams!

Let's declare together my friend: "I am so encouraged today. Everything will work out. I choose to be thankful knowing that victory is on the way. No matter what the circumstances look like I know my Father is greater than my circumstances. He will not fail me because He loves me! He is working behind the scenes to bring my dreams to pass! I will not give up! My current situation is not the final outcome...because I know the best is yet to come! **FAITH SEES THE ANSWER!**

Julie Faith Matters

March 20th - Spring Is Here!!!



What's Happening at NFC



Ladies Fellowship Bible Study

Tuesday mornings from 10:00 – 11:30 AM
Being held weekly in our Welcome Centre

Word Nuggets

Join the Pastor every Sunday morning at 8:30 AM
on Canoe FM - 100.9
For his weekly message and devotion

Healing School

Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 - 2:00 PM
being held weekly until Easter in our Welcome Centre.

Soup and Sandwich Sundays

We are planning to have a Soup and Sandwich Sunday on the third Sunday of each month. The idea will be to have the lunch pot-luck style, with each family bringing enough for themselves. Soup, or stew, or chilli etc. will be provided at each lunch. In the summer months there is a rumour of BBQ time!!

Sunday, March 19th will be our next lunch in our Welcome Centre

March Birthdays: Joyce Bain, Lorne Dinesen, Kelly Hicks, Trevor Tomlinson, Karl Upton

God Is Pure Love

God is pure love and never wishes harm to anyone. The idea that it is God's will that bad things happen to people is not only misguided but potentially devastating. How can people love a God who wishes them ill or has hurt them? God wills only good for all his people. There is nothing more important to our God than for every one of us to have as much happiness and fulfilment as humanly possible. When bad things happen, God feels our pain, is very present with us, and works to bring out the best in a bad situation.

*But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God,
slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.*

Psalm 86:15 - NIV

God Brings Healing

*Nevertheless, I will bring health and healing to it; I will heal
my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security.*

Jeremiah 33:6 - NIV

March Appetizer

March is an awesome time for some great comfort food. There is no better than wings. This recipe is easy and will be enjoyed after your activities in the great outdoors, or for having friends over for game night.

Comfort Wings

prep time: 15 minutes - cook time: 3 1/4 hours

Ingredients:

- 5 lbs. Chicken wings (25 wings)
- 12 oz. (355 ml) Chilli sauce
- 1/4 Cup Lemon juice
- 1/4 Cup Molasses or Brown Sugar
- 2 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tbsp. Minced garlic
- 1 tbsp. Chilli powder
- 1/3 Cup Salsa (spiced if desired)
- 1/4 tsp. Hot sauce of choice (or more if desired)
- Garnish - Ranch salad dressing for dipping, and dill pickle slices



Instructions:

- Cut chicken wings into 3 sections; discard wing tips.
- Place wings in a slow cooker.
- In a bowl, combine the remaining ingredients and pour over chicken stirring to coat.
- Cook, covered, on Low 3-4 hours or until chicken is tender.
- Pre-heat oven broiler, remove wings and place, in a single layer, on a baking sheet covered with parchment paper.
- Transfer cooking juices from slow cooker to a pot.
- Bring juices to a boil; cook until mixture is reduced by half stirring occasionally (15-20 minutes).
- Broil wings in oven lightly browned (2-3 minutes)
- Brush with sauce before serving.
- If desired, serve with ranch dressing and pickles.