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Psalm 119:126a

“It is time for You, LORD, to act!” Psalm 119:126a

Faith is an act! “...faith, if it has not works, is dead.” (James 2:17). Faith is also an action word. To say you have faith, yet not practically act upon your faith reveals your “faith” to be something other than Biblical faith. Your so called faith may be hope or it may be mental assent, but without some type of corresponding action faith is not faith! “Faith without works is dead.” (James 2:26).

Every believer has waited upon God to act. Often that wait is prolonged until the believer himself acts in faith only to discover that all along the Lord had been waiting for Him to act on his faith first! “Without faith it is impossible to please God...” (Hebrews 11:6). Don’t be mistaken, to act apart from a living faith in an attempt to force God’s hand is only presumption or worse – tempting God. Presumption will, at its best make you feel a little silly, at its worst it can cost you your life and may have an effect on generations after you!

We see that our faith act is vital to God’s own acting. But we must ask the question “Is there a time God must act first – before we act?” Rest assured the first move is always God’s! If He hadn’t sought you and pursued you, you would still be lost in sin! “But God commands His love toward us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8). There is a time that we must wait in faith for God’s initiation, for His prompting, for His voice. This – when the Lord acts – His action produces an extraordinary faith and confidence within us. This God initiation will always take us to the next level in our Christian experience! Are you ready for God to act? Are you awaiting His move in faith? Sometimes great faith is faith that will wait rather than act without God’s go ahead!

“LORD, I await Your initiation. I lay hold of Your Word, and I know that faith is rising within me because You have promised that it would. This is the victory that overcomes the world – even my faith! And the faith that I live by is the faith of the Son of God Who loved me and gave Himself for me. By faith then, I await Your divine instigation! In Jesus’ Name!”

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