

NORTHERN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

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THE SIX PHASES OF FAITH

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“According to your faith, it will be done unto you.” Matthew 9:29

“Everything is possible for the person who has faith.” Mark 9:23

“...though you have not seen Him, you love Him.” 1 Peter 1:8

“Without faith it is impossible to please God.” Hebrews 11:6

HOW DOES GOD BUILD MY FAITH?

1. The _____ -- You set your sights on a target.

“God is able to do far more than we would dare to ask or even dream of, infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes.” Ephesians 3:20

“Whatever is not of faith is sin.” Romans 14:23

2. The _____ -- You begin to do something with your dream.

“You must believe and not doubt because a double minded man is unstable in all that he does.” James 1:6-8

3. The _____ -- Back off and stand around.

“I will climb my watchtower now, and wait to see what answer God will give to my complaint. And the Lord said to me, “Write my answer on a billboard, large and clear, so that anyone can read it at a glance and rush to tell the others. But these things I plan won’t happen right away.”

Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day!” Habakkuk 2:1-2 (LB)

4. The _____ -- there will be circumstances and barriers.

“At present you may be temporarily harassed by all kinds of trials. This is no accident. It happens to prove your faith which is infinitely more valuable than gold.” 1 Peter 1:6-7

5. The _____ -- The situation deteriorates from Difficult to impossible.

“At that time we were completely overwhelmed. The burden was more than we could bear. In fact, we told ourselves that this was the end. Yet now we believe that we had this sense of impending disaster so that we might learn to trust not in ourselves, but in God who can raise the dead.” 2 Corinthians 1:8-9

6. The _____ -- God comes in.

“He has delivered us and will deliver us again.” 1 Corinthians 1:10

“I’m expecting the Lord to rescue me again so that once again I will see his goodness to me.” Psalm 27:13