

Study Guide #2
“Get Ready” with a Faith That Will Endure to the End

1. Jn 14:26, RH 3/22/1887 –Is the way _____ so the Holy Spirit can teach us?
2. Prov 22:3 –Wise people foresee trouble coming and _____ it
 - a. GC 622 –Those who exercise little _____ now “will be plunged into deeper distress”
 - We should develop the habit of trusting in God and exercising faith _____ !
3. Gen 3:1-6 –God and Satan were saying the exact _____
 - a. So Eve’s choice was based on: who did she _____
 - b. PP 657 –“Every failure” is due to a lack of _____
 - c. Since everything went wrong over ‘faith,’ faith is essential to make things _____
4. Lk 18:8 –“When the Son of Man comes, will He really find _____ on the earth?”
 - a. May we determine that He will at least find faith in _____
5. Lk 7:1-10 –The centurion with “ _____ faith” —‘Four Steps to Great Faith’
 - (1) Recognize our _____
 - Rev 3:17 –Note: Laodicea, (the end-time church), does not recognize its _____
 - COL 152 –Sense of need is the _____ condition of acceptance with God
 - (2) Take our need to _____
 - The Jews say he _____ for Jesus to do this, but he says he isn’t _____
 - Unlike Lucifer, he is content to fill _____
 - He _____ that Jesus will do what needs to be done
 - Come to Jesus with an attitude of _____ , _____ , _____
 - (3) Obtain the _____ of God regarding our situation
 - Ps 33:6, 9 –Recognizing the _____ of God’s Word
 - Matt 7:7, 25:26 –Let’s be careful we aren’t too lazy to _____ out the Word
 - (4) _____ on the Word (Matt 8:14)
7. 2 Kings 5 –The 4 Steps illustrated in the story of _____
 - (1) He recognizes his Need —he has _____
 - (2) He takes his need to Jesus —via the prophet _____
 - (3) He obtains the Word of God regarding his situation —Go wash in the _____
 - (4) But, like us sometimes, he _____ want to Act on the Word
 - However when he, (and we) _____ Act on the Word, God fulfills His promises
8. Jer 30:7–We will need Jacob’s _____ to get through Jacob’s Time of Trouble
9. Gen 31:1-3, 17-18 –The 4 Steps illustrated in the story of Jacob
 - (1) He recognizes his Need —Things aren’t _____ with Uncle Laban any more

- (2) Takes his need to Jesus —(not specifically mentioned, but God _____ his prayer)
- (3) He obtains the Word of God regarding his situation — _____ to your family
- (4) He Acts on the Word —He _____ and _____
10. Gen 32:3-6 –However, as in faith Jacob Acts on the Word, he gets into _____
- a. Ja 1:2-3 –All our trials and temptations are a _____ of our faith
- Jn 6:68 –Will we _____ hanging on to God? or will we let go?
 - Gen 32:26 —Like Jacob, we need to say, “I will _____ let You go!”
11. Gen 32:9-12 –Four additional points based on Jacob’s prayer and following actions
- (1) _____ to act in faith —take any new need to Jesus: “I will not let You go” (vs 26)
- (2) Be in the situation we are in _____ we are doing what _____ told us to do
- (3) Humbly claim God’s _____ —‘I don’t *deserve* anything, *but You promised*’
12. Gen 32:13-20 –After Jacob prays, he sends _____ to appease Esau
- a. Is Jacob trying to save himself? Does he still need to learn to trust wholly in God? ____
- Heb 11:7, PP 95, ST 2/27/1879 – _____ man could do was _____ , yet God _____ could save
 - PP 290 –Frequently God doesn’t open the way until we ‘Go _____ in Faith’
- b. Gen 31-3 –To “return” to his “family” Jacob knows he _____ make peace with Esau
- GC 616 –By sending presents, he’s doing all in his power to ‘ _____ ’ in Faith
- (4) We need to do _____ that is in our power to do to ‘Go _____ in Faith’
13. Gen 33:4 –God _____ Jacob, and he and Esau meet in peace
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1. *Review and Herald*, March 22, 1887

There is nothing that Satan fears so much as that the people of God shall clear the way by removing every hindrance, so that the Lord can pour out his Spirit upon a languishing church and an impenitent congregation. ... When the way is prepared for the Spirit of God, the blessing will come.

2. *Great Controversy*, page 621-622

The season of distress and anguish before us will require a faith that can endure weariness, delay, and hunger—a faith that will not faint though severely tried. . . .

Those who exercise but little faith now, are in the greatest danger of falling under the power of satanic delusions and the decree to compel the conscience. And even if they endure the test they will be plunged into deeper distress and anguish in the time of trouble, because they have never made it a habit to trust in God. The lessons of faith which they have neglected they will be forced to learn under a terrible pressure of discouragement.

3. *Patriarchs and Prophets*, page 657

Every failure on the part of the children of God is due to their lack of faith.

4. *Christ's Object Lessons*, page 152

The sense of need, the recognition of our poverty and sin, is the very first condition of acceptance with God.

5. *Great Controversy*, page 616

His [Jacob's] only hope was in the mercy of God; his only defense must be prayer. Yet he leaves nothing undone on his own part to atone for the wrong to his brother and to avert the threatened danger. So should the followers of Christ, as they approach the time of trouble, make every exertion to place themselves in a proper light before the people, to disarm prejudice, and to avert the danger which threatens liberty of conscience.

6. *Patriarchs and Prophets*, page 95

All that man could do was done to render the work perfect, yet the ark could not of itself have withstood the storm which was to come upon the earth. God alone could preserve His servants upon the tempestuous waters.

While Noah was giving his warning message to the world, his works testified of his sincerity. It was thus that his faith was perfected and made evident. He gave the world an example of believing just what God says. All that he possessed, he invested in the ark. ... Every blow struck upon the ark was a witness to the people.

7. *The Signs of the Times*, February 27, 1879

Noah did not hesitate to obey God. He urged no excuse, that the labor of building that ark was great and expensive. He believed God, and invested in the ark all that he possessed, while the wicked world scoffed and made themselves merry at the deluded old man.

8. *Patriarchs and Prophets*, page 290

God in His providence brought the Hebrews into the mountain fastnesses before the sea, that He might manifest His power in their deliverance and signally humble the pride of their oppressors. He might have saved them in any other way, but He chose this method in order to test their faith and strengthen their trust in Him. The people were weary and terrified, yet if they had held back when Moses bade them advance, God would never have opened the path for them. It was "by faith" that "they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land." Hebrews 11:29. In marching down to the very water, they showed that they believed the word of God as spoken by Moses. They did all that was in their power to do, and then the Mighty One of Israel divided the sea to make a path for their feet.

The great lesson here taught is for all time. Often the Christian life is beset by dangers, and duty seems hard to perform. The imagination pictures impending ruin before and bondage or death behind. Yet the voice of God speaks clearly, "Go forward." We should obey this command, even though our eyes cannot penetrate the darkness, and we feel the cold waves about our feet. The obstacles that hinder our progress will never disappear before a halting, doubting spirit. Those who defer obedience till every shadow of uncertainty disappears and there remains no risk of failure or defeat, will never obey at all. Unbelief whispers, "Let us wait till the obstructions are removed, and we can see our way clearly;" but faith courageously urges an advance, hoping all things, believing all things.