

Matthew 6:34

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Words to Find:
 "Take therefore no thought for the morrow for the morrow shall take thought for the things of Itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

Hide in the Cleft of the Rock

Author Unknown

A train of cars was barreling down a steep grade of the Alleghany Mountains, when the engineer espied a little girl and her baby brother playing on the track ahead. Seeing the danger, the girl discovered a niche in the side rock, next to the tracks where



they were playing. She thrust the baby and pressed herself into that cleft, saying, as she did so, "Cling close to the rock. Cling close to the rock! The train thundered by, and they escaped unharmed.

The safety of every soul from swift-coming wrath is found alone in "clinging to the Rock" by trusting in Jesus Christ. There is no other Refuge in escaping an eternity in Hell and Help with the trials one faces during his lifetime than Christ Himself.

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What If ...

Bill Brinkworth

We are to use common sense in our decision-making, but many times we rely more on our own choices than those of the Lord. For a Christian, there needs to be a correct balance in doing what we want, living by faith, and patiently allowing God to show us His way and provide our needs.



Unfortunately, many seek God's direction infrequently, do not live by faith, and constantly push God out of their life. Some signs of a Christian's lack of faith and lack of waiting on the Lord are when a Christian thinks:

- ◆ "What if God doesn't (or can't) provide a Christian mate for me? So, I'll just go out and 'settle' for the first person that wants to marry me, even though they are not a Christian like I am."
- ◆ "What if our marriage does not work out? So, I'll just 'shack-up' with this person,

so I don't have to get a divorce."

- ◆ "What if I can't find any Christian friends?" So, they start friendships with those that are unsaved and wonder why their Christian standards are compromised, and they are not living a life the way they should.

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Faith That Honors God

Author Unknown

- ∞ A faith that will believe without encouragement from others. (Gen. 18:9-15, Rom. 4:19-20)
- ∞ A faith that will believe without encouragement from God. (Mat. 15:22-28)
- ∞ A faith that will believe without previous experience. (Heb. 11:7)
- ∞ A faith that will believe without hurrying to prove. (John 4:47)

**"No reserves.
 No retreats.
 No regrets."**

— William Borden, Missionary

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- ◆ “What if I can’t pay my bills? *So, I will not tithe my income to my local church, so I’ll have enough.*”
- ◆ “What if I witness to my neighbor or fellow employee, and he gets mad at me? *So, I’ll play it safe and not say a word to my neighbor about the Lord.*”
- ◆ “What if I put my children in Christian school, and don’t have enough money to pay their tuition?” *So, they put their children in public school and face the consequences of their children’s being exposed seven hours a day for at least 12 years to unscriptural, worldly teachings and then wonder why their children do not live a Christ-centered lifestyle and instead make wrong decisions.*
- ◆ “What if I get saved and still sin?” *So they never trust Christ as their Saviour.*

We are to use common sense and to have a proper balance using discernment the Lord has also allowed us to have, but at all times we are to live by faith. God would not command us to live the way He has without its being obtainable. Living by faith and doing what He has said, can be done; and it will produce a better life for one that seeks and obeys God in all he does.

God can provide a godly

mate for a Christian that will wait patiently on God’s timing. God can provide Christian friends who are the proper influences. God can meet your financial needs when you make tithing and Christian education a priority. God can use you to lead others to the Lord and protect you from any dangers or problems you perceive could happen when telling others about the Lord. God can help you with personal temptations you face in your life. There is nothing God cannot help you with, if you make the first step of faith in allowing Him to lead you and WAIT patiently for Him to work in your life.

Make God your plan A, plan B, Sometimes God may change the direction you think you should be going, because it may never have been His intention in the beginning, or it was only a direction for a certain amount of time. It is God that desires to use those that have a desire to be led. A God-directed Christian will never be sorry, if they scripturally live by faith.

“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”

Heb. 11:6

Christ, Our Guide

C. H. Spurgeon

When Mr. Andrew Fuller was going to preach one day, he

rode to the meeting on his horse. There had been a good deal of rain, and the rivers were very swollen. He got to one river, which he had to cross. He looked at it, and he was afraid of the strong current, as he did not know its depth.

A farmer, who happened to be standing by, said “It is all right, Mr. Fuller. You will get through it all right, sir. The horse will keep its feet.”

Mr. Fuller went in, and the water got up to the girth, and then up to the saddle. Mr. Fuller thought he had better turn around, and he was going to do so, when the same farmer shouted, “Go on, Mr. Fuller. Go on. I know it is all right.”

Mr. Fuller replied, “Then I will go on. I will go by faith.”

Now, sinner, it is very like that with you. You think that your sins are too deep, that Christ will never be able to carry you over them; but, I say to you, “It is all right, sinner. Trust Jesus, and he will carry you through Hell itself, if it were needful and possible. If you had all the sins of all the men that have ever lived, and they were all yours, if you would trust him, Jesus Christ would carry you through the current of all that sin. It is all right, man! Only trust Christ. The river may be deep, but Christ’s love is deeper still. It is all right, man! Do not let the devil make you doubt my Lord and Master. Satan is a liar from the beginning, and the father of lies, but my Master is

faithful and true. Rest on him, and it is all right. Herein lies the supreme consolation of this earthly life.”

Faith Took the Remedy

C. I. Scofield

A skeptical physician said to his Christian patient, “I could never understand ‘saving faith’. I believe in God, and I suppose I believe in Jesus Christ. I am not conscious of any doubts. I believe that Jesus Christ was the Son of God, and I believe in the Bible, yet I am not saved. What is the matter with me?”

“Well,” said the patient, “a week ago, I believed in you as a very skillful physician. I believed that if I should get sick and put myself in your hands, I would be healed. In other words, I trusted you. For two days now, I have been taking some mysterious stuff out of a bottle. I don’t know what it is. I don’t understand it, but I am trusting in you.” Now, when ever you turn to the Lord Jesus Christ and say, “Lord Jesus, Christianity seems to me to be full of mysteries. I do not understand them, but I believe Thou are trustworthy, and I trust in Thee. I commit myself to Thee;” that is faith. A very simple thing, is it not? The faith of the patient did not heal him. It was the remedy that healed him; but faith took the remedy.

