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## ***PROJECT HOPE: The Life of Faith***

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### **There Is No Change Without Prayer**

*“To Be a Christian Without Prayer Is No More Possible Than to Be Alive Without Breathing” – Martin Luther*

Prayer Is the Starting Point of All Change

“Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.” James 5:13–16, NLT

Prayer Doesn't Change God,  
It Changes Me

### **There Is No Power Without Faith**

“And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.” Hebrews 11:6, NLT

Faith Is Entrusting God with My Need and Then  
Trusting God for The Outcome

All Our Problems – All Our Needs Effectively  
Place Our Faith on Trial

“... to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud. Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time he said, “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.” 2 Corinthians 12:7–9, NLT

Faith Is Expressed, Not in Assurance of The Outcome,

But in Submission to The Outcome

## **There Is No Obedience Without Action**

“So it is with faith: if it is alone and includes no actions, then it is dead. But someone will say, “One person has faith, another has actions.” My answer is, “Show me how anyone can have faith without actions. I will show you my faith by my actions.” **James 2:17–18, GNB**

The Temptation of Christianity Is to Talk the Talk  
Without the Walk

“So then, as the body without the spirit is dead, so also  
faith without actions is dead.” **James 2:26, GNB**

How Can I Know That I Have Faith If I Am Not Willing to  
Step into The Unbelievable?

The Death of The Church Is Easy Believism

*“If Following Jesus Christ Doesn’t Cost You Anything, It’s Because  
You Bought into American Christianity” – Paul Washer*

I Do Not Work for My Salvation – I Work So That  
Others Might Be Saved