

FAITH

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The evidence of the unseen

The Impulse of Faith

Faith Defined

1. Confident Expectation in the Presence, Power, and Provision of the Unseen God.
2. Absolute Belief and Trust in the Command of God.

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Hebrews 11:4 (TPT)

¹ Now Adam had sexual relations with his wife, Eve, and she became pregnant. When she gave birth to Cain, she said, “With the LORD’s help, I have produced a man!” ² Later she gave birth to his brother and named him Abel. When they grew up, Abel became a shepherd, while Cain cultivated the ground. ³ When it was time for the harvest, Cain presented some of his crops as a gift to the LORD. ⁴ Abel also brought a gift—the best portions of the firstborn lambs from his flock. The LORD accepted Abel and his gift, ⁵ but he did not accept Cain and his gift. This made Cain very angry, and he looked dejected. ⁶ “Why are you so angry?” the LORD asked Cain. “Why do you look so dejected?” ⁷ You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master.”

Genesis 4:1-7 (NLT)

Impulse:

1. A sudden, strong urge or desire to act.
2. A driving or motivating force.

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Noah: ²⁰ Then Noah built an altar to the Lord... - Genesis 8:20 (NIV)

Abraham: ⁷ The Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him. - Genesis 12:7 (NIV)

Isaac: ²⁵ Isaac built an altar there and called on the name of the Lord. There he pitched his tent, and there his servants dug a well. - Genesis 26:25 (NIV)

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Jacob: ¹ Then God said to Jacob, “Go up to Bethel and settle there, and build an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you were fleeing from your brother Esau.” - Genesis 35:1 (NIV)

Moses: ¹⁵ Moses built an altar and called it The Lord is my Banner. - Exodus 17:15 (NIV)

Joshua: ³⁰ Then Joshua built on Mount Ebal an altar to the Lord, the God of Israel. - Joshua 8:30 (NIV)

RICHARD WURMBRAND

1909-2001

*Imprisoned for Preaching in the
Underground Church in 1940's
Soviet-Occupied Romania*



While in prison, he couldn't help but give in to the impulse to offer a sacrifice:

“When we were given one slice of bread a week and dirty soup every day, we decided we would faithfully ‘tithe’ even that. Every tenth week we took the slice of bread and gave it to the weaker brethren as our ‘tithe’ to the Master.”

- Tortured for Christ

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¹⁵ Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually **offer to God a sacrifice of praise**—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. - Hebrews 13:15 (NIV)

¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to **offer your bodies** as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. - Romans 12:1 (NIV)

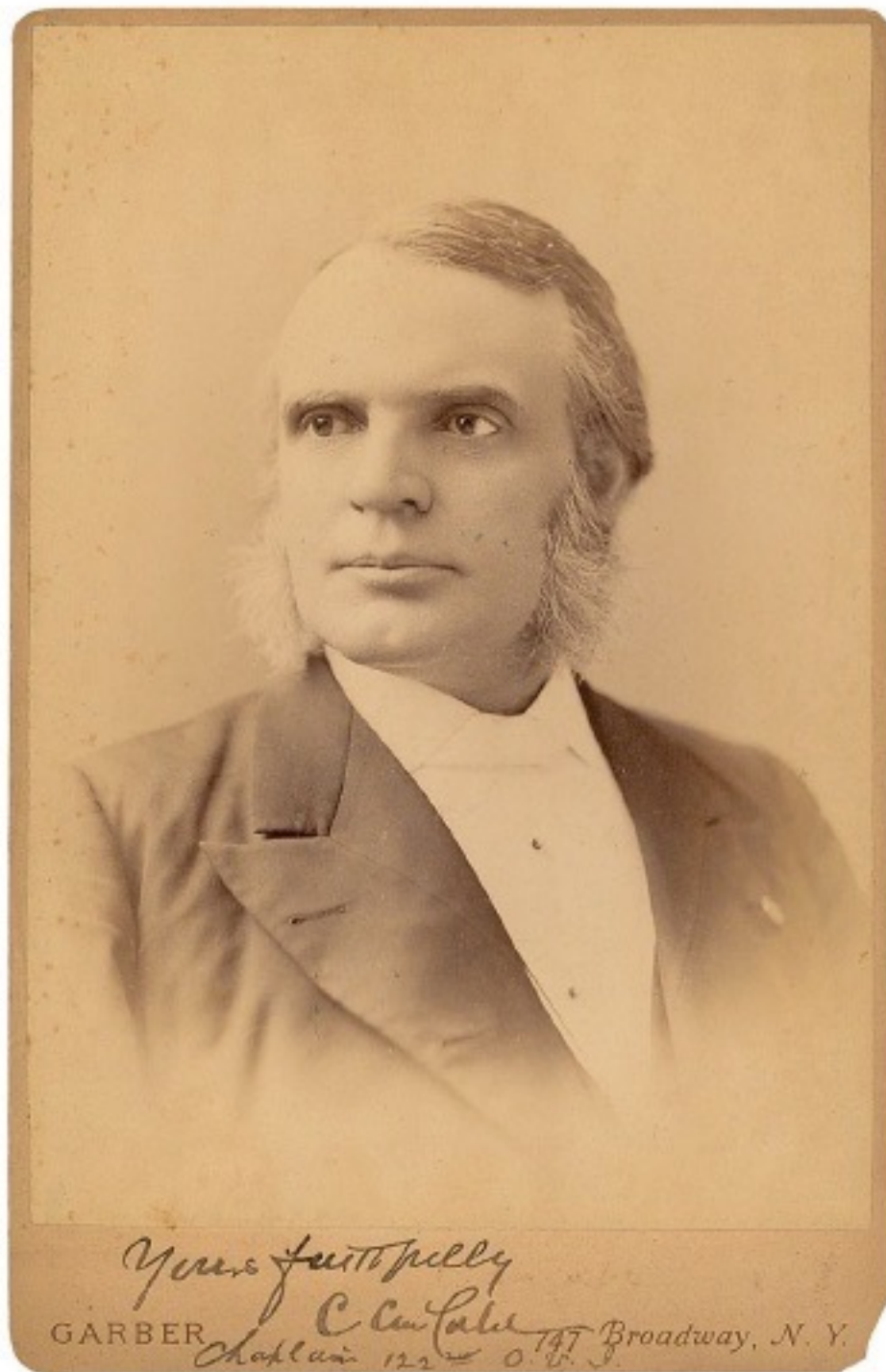
¹⁰ **Bring the whole tithe** into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. - Malachi 3:10 (NIV)

CHARLES MCCABE

1836-1906

Civil War Chaplain

Chancellor of American University



McCabe set out to raise one million dollars for missions, but met many disappointments. In the midst of discouragement, he received a letter from a young boy:

“Dear Chaplain McCabe: I’m sure you’re going to get a million dollars for missions. And I’m going to help. So here’s a nickel toward it. It’s all I’ve got right now. But if you need any more, you just call on me.”

This became McCabe’s most effective story in his campaign, and by it, he was able to reach his goal for missions.