

## Faith Defined:

1. Confident Expectation in the Presence, Power, and Provision of the Unseen God (**Faith in the Person of God**).
2. Absolute Belief and Trust in the Command of God (**Faith in the Word of God**).



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<sup>18</sup> even though God had told him, "Isaac is the son through whom your descendants will be counted."  
<sup>19</sup> Abraham reasoned that if Isaac died, God was able to bring him back to life again. And in a sense, Abraham did receive his son back from the dead.

Hebrews 11:17-19 (NLT)



**Faith is Ready**







## Faith is Ready to Obey and Ready to Offer

“If you love me, obey my commandments.” - John 14:15 (NLT)

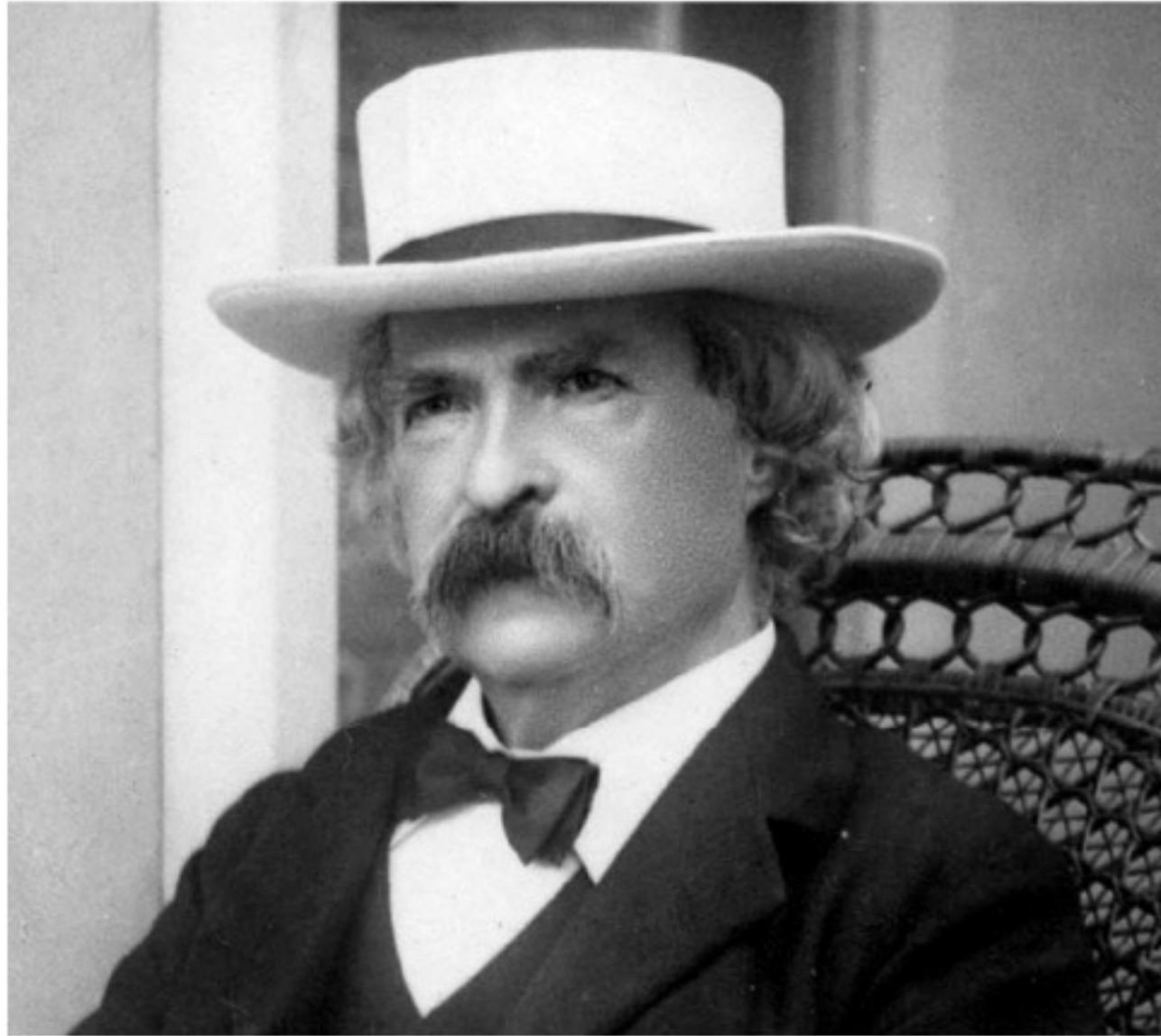


Ready to Obey: the Act of Faith

Ready to Offer: the Heart of Faith

# MARK TWAIN

1835-1910



A businessman well known for his ruthlessness once announced to Twain, “Before I die I mean to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. I will climb Mount Sinai and read the Ten Commandments aloud at the top.”

“I have a better idea,” replied Twain. “You could stay in Boston and keep them.”



# Faith is Ready to Obey

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Hebrews 11:17-18 (NLT)



# ADONIRAM JUDSON

*First American Missionary to Burma*  
1778-1850



When Judson graduated from seminary he received a call from a large church in Boston to become its assistant pastor. Everyone congratulated him. His mother and sister rejoiced that he could live at home with them and do his life's work, but Judson shook his head.

“My work is not here,” he said. “God is calling me beyond the seas. To stay here, even to serve God in His ministry, I feel would be only partial obedience, and I could not be happy in that.”

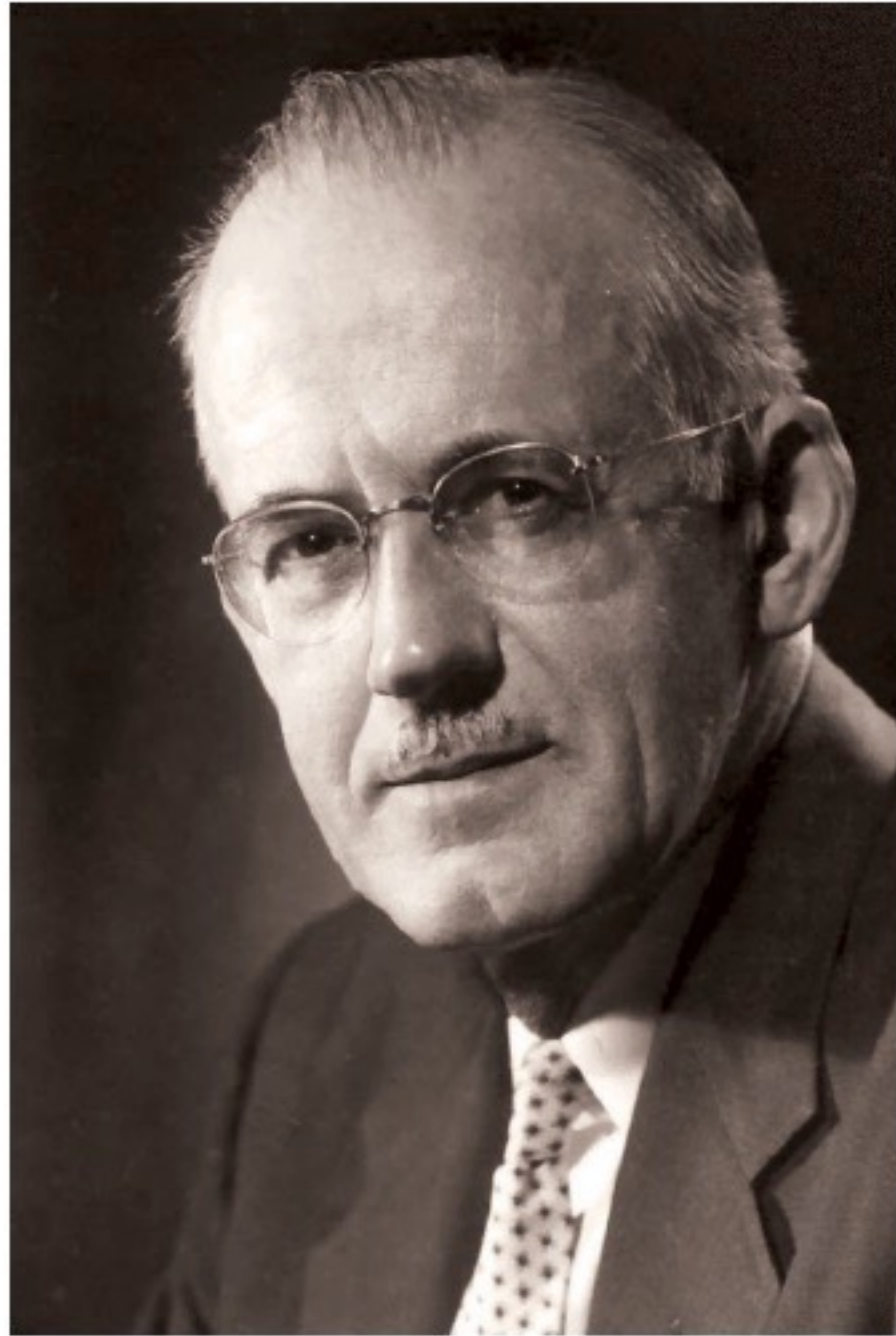
Although it cost him a great struggle and many people warned him not to go, he left his family to follow the heavenly call.

The churches Judson started in Burma have grown into over 3,700 congregations and 617,000 members, and the influence of his consecrated life is felt around the world.



# A.W. TOZER

1897-1963



If we cooperate with Him in loving obedience God will manifest Himself to us, and that manifestation will be the difference between a nominal Christian life and a life radiant with the light of His face.

*The Pursuit of God*



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# JIM ELLIOT

*Martyr, Missionary to Ecuador  
1927-1956*



He is no fool who gives  
what he cannot keep, to  
gain what he cannot lose.

*The Journals of Jim Elliot*



# Faith Reasons That God Is Up to Something Good

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