



The Make It Happen Moment ® Race Of Faith

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“Faith isn’t sitting around waiting for things to happen!” – Dani Johnson

In the spring, my five year old nephew began taking karate lessons. During one of his classes, his teacher played a Red Light, Yellow Light, Green Light game to begin teaching lessons on discipline. When she said “green light”, the children could run, “yellow light”, they had to slow down, and “red light” they had to stop. So she started the game, “**green light**”... “**red light**”... “**green light**”... “**yellow light**”... “**yellow light**”... “**yellow light**”... “**red light**”. As the children came to a stop, my two foot five inch little nephew raises his hand in disappointment and says, “Miss Karate Teacher, I like this game, but if you gonna do ‘yellow light, yellow light, yellow light’, I’m not coming back...” Can any other Mach 5 - Type A personalities relate? 😊 😊 😊 Personally, I’ve learned that when I become disappointed and impatient in life, God’s yellow light causes patience to have its perfect work in me so that I can run a complete disciplined race of faith with Him.

So if faith isn’t sitting around waiting for things to happen, then what is faith? Let me share with you a definition of faith that I just recently learned. **FAITH** is **F**orward **A**ction **I**nspired **T**hrough **H**im. This means that faith requires action on our part to believe God and do whatever He inspires us to do for Him. In fact, the writer of Hebrews tells us in verse 11:6 that “without faith it is impossible to please Him [God], for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” Additionally, the writer of James tells us in verse 2:26 that “for as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.” Therefore, the Bible affirms that real faith is indeed forward action inspired through Him.

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Unfortunately though, we can sometimes think that faith is all about praying to God and then passively sitting around waiting for Him to make things happen. But the truth is that God works to make things happen when His people work in faith to make things happen. By praying and doing God's Word, we do our part and then God does His part. In faith, we do what we can do, and then in God's faithfulness, He does what we can't do. The Word of God says in 1 Corinthians 3:9 that "we are God's coworkers" which means that we are partners with God in life; therefore, we should never work alone in our own strength without the Lord's partnership. If we do, we can easily find ourselves disappointed, impatient, and failing in our own efforts.

Simply put, we achieve kingdom success when we work in the power and might of the Lord's kingdom Spirit. In Zechariah 4:6 the Lord Himself declares that it is "Not by might nor by power, but my Spirit", says the Lord of hosts." Possessing a kingdom spirit of faith and partnership with God, nothing is impossible for those who believe! In fact, the Lord says in Philippians 4:13 that "I can do all things [make it happen] through Christ who strengthens me." With a kingdom spirit of excellence and commitment, embrace the green light of faith in Christ to work hard, have fun, and make all things happen in kingdom life with the King of kings and Lord of lords as our faithful life partner!

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"Make It Happen" People Work Hard and Have Fun!**

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"Everything is possible for him who believes." Mark 9:23 NIV

NIV study notes add "a person who truly believes will set no limits on what God can do [for them and through them]."



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