

## **True Faith**

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“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him”—Hebrews 11:6, NKJV

As a pastor, I am always puzzled when a church member—with childlike sincerity—asks me the simple question, “What is faith?” Since we talk about faith so much within the life of the church, I tend to think the answer to such a question should be obvious. Well, apparently it isn’t.

The Random House College Dictionary defines faith as “confidence or trust in a person or thing; belief that is not based on proof.” Ironically, the same dictionary also defines faith as “belief in anything.” I believe that God is much more definite than “anything,” for He “is,” meaning that He is self-existent.

Our text declares that He is a “rewarder of them who diligently seek Him.” Complete trust in God—that’s true faith. He wants our complete trust in Him.

Today, we honor God together as we return our tithes and give our offerings for the local church budget.

Let’s pray ...



## **Adventist World Radio**

From North American Division Stewardship Ministries  
*(Note to the offering reader: Download the AWR 2026 video and the latest offering resources at [awr.org/offering](http://awr.org/offering))*

Adventist World Radio (AWR) uses many forms of technology to reach people where they are, in their local dialect. From AWR's shortwave towers in Guam to 2,000 radio stations around the world, these messages are broadcasting in more than 130 languages every day. And for those who aren't in range of a radio station, AWR's YouTube videos, ministry app, cell phone evangelism messages and tracts are ministering to millions.

In addition, solar-powered Godpods are reaching everyone from prisoners to shepherds! Recently, the head of a gang of thieves in Madagascar stole a Godpod, thinking it was a radio. He was shocked when, deep in their hideout in a cave, this "radio" seemed to get a signal. He and his men started listening to the Bible messages, and after connecting with a local Adventist church and studying the Bible, 33 former thieves were baptized into the Adventist Church.

In addition, over the last year, the ministry has made even more inroads in the Philippines as rebel soldiers continue to put down their guns and pick up Bibles . . . and many are even holding evangelistic meetings after getting baptized!

God predicted that one day we would be "utterly amazed" (Habakkuk 1:5, NIV) at what He would do—and we are!

Thank you for your support of Adventist World Radio.

Let's pray ...



## **This Sacred Moment**

By Juan Robledo, pastor, Austin Central and Austin South Seventh-day Adventist Churches

Brothers and sisters in Christ, as we come to this sacred moment of giving, let us pause and remember that everything we have comes from our gracious, sustaining God. The roof over our heads, the food on our tables, the clothing on our backs and even the breath we draw are evidence of the many gifts He entrusts to us because of His overflowing love. It is out of gratitude that we give, with a thankful heart that recognizes God's continual provision.

Giving is also an act of stewardship. God calls us to care for His blessings responsibly, using our resources to bless others and advance His kingdom. Today, you are investing in worship, outreach, discipleship and mission.

As we give, we walk by faith. True stewardship flows from trust that the same God who provides today will continue to supply tomorrow. Faithful giving teaches our hearts to depend less on possessions and more on the promises of God, knowing that He honors those who give cheerfully and sincerely.

Let us give today with hearts full of gratitude and minds focused on God's mission, with a spirit grounded in faithfulness. May our offering reflect our love for the Lord and our hope in His eternal faithfulness.

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver,” 2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV.

Let's pray ...



## **Texas Vision Offering Assists Academy Worthy Students**

By Kisha R. Norris, vice president for Education  
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The Texas Vision offering provides an opportunity to invest in something that carries eternal impact: the lives and futures of our students.

Our academies exist to provide more than education. They nurture faith, character, leadership and purpose in young people who are being prepared to serve God and their communities. For many of our students and families who deeply value this Christ-centered education, financial barriers often stand in the way.

Worthy student funding allows us to extend opportunity where it might otherwise be out of reach. These funds provide tuition assistance to academy students whose families are committed to Adventist Christian education but need additional support to make enrollment possible. Your generosity ensures that no student is denied the chance to grow academically and spiritually at an Adventist academy in Texas simply because of financial hardship.

When you give today, you are not just making a donation; you are investing in discipleship, in future leaders and in lives being shaped for God's purpose. You are helping to create classrooms where young people can strengthen their faith, discover their gifts and get equipped to make a difference in the world.

We invite you to prayerfully consider supporting our academies through today's Texas Vision offering. Every gift, large or small, helps open doors for students eager to learn, grow and walk boldly in their calling.

Texas Vision is the conference offering for the Texas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Academy worthy student funding receives 25 percent of this offering, building appropriations receives 25 percent and Lake Whitney Ranch Development receives 50 percent.

Let's pray ...

