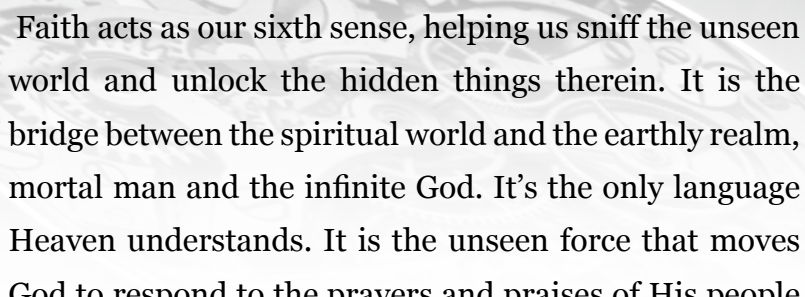




Preface

The word faith translated from the Greek word *pistis* means ‘persuasion, conviction, reliance on Christ, constancy in profession, assurance, belief, reliability, truthfulness of God, confidence and expectation’. Faith is the bedrock of our Christian life, the means through which we access the unseen God and the driving force behind the eternal life we so cherish in Christ Jesus. Minus faith, it is impossible to please God and access anything accruing to us as His children.

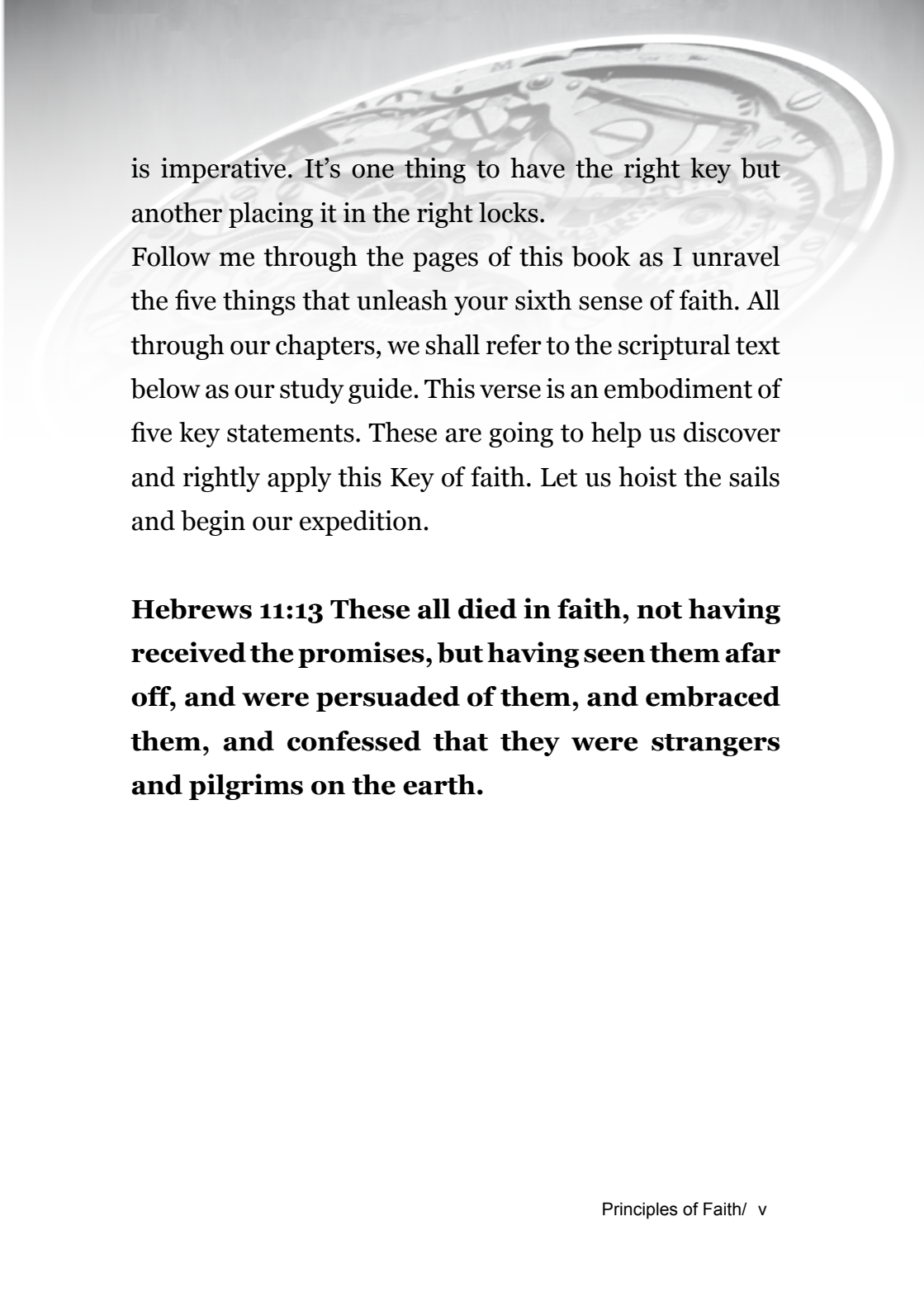
The Apostle Paul in his letters to the different churches, describes faith as a law, as our breastplate, as our righteousness, as a communication, as a profession, as a fight, as a mystery, as a work, as a shield, as a door, as words and as our sacrifice and service. His point was, when faith is tapped into and released, it manifests itself in different forms and ways. Like a diamond stone that is subjected to sunlight, its different facets automatically reflect or give off soft rays of light revealing the power and beauty of the stone!



Faith acts as our sixth sense, helping us sniff the unseen world and unlock the hidden things therein. It is the bridge between the spiritual world and the earthly realm, mortal man and the infinite God. It's the only language Heaven understands. It is the unseen force that moves God to respond to the prayers and praises of His people AND the versatile weapon that overcomes the spirit of fear which Satan uses as his greatest tool.

When we look into the ministry travels of Jesus and the miracles He performed, you will repeatedly notice His resounding words, 'your faith has made you whole'. He often said these words when encountered by desperate persons whose faith challenged Him to instantaneously act on their behalf. And all through the pages of the Bible, case scenarios of faith are projected with God's immediate response to these beckoning calls and acts.

Child of God, in this book, I approach the subject of Faith differently. I look at the principles governing Faith. Your life is a safe depository box of a Master key that unlocks life's treasures and releases the many untapped resources of the unseen world. However, knowing its application



is imperative. It's one thing to have the right key but another placing it in the right locks.

Follow me through the pages of this book as I unravel the five things that unleash your sixth sense of faith. All through our chapters, we shall refer to the scriptural text below as our study guide. This verse is an embodiment of five key statements. These are going to help us discover and rightly apply this Key of faith. Let us hoist the sails and begin our expedition.

Hebrews 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.



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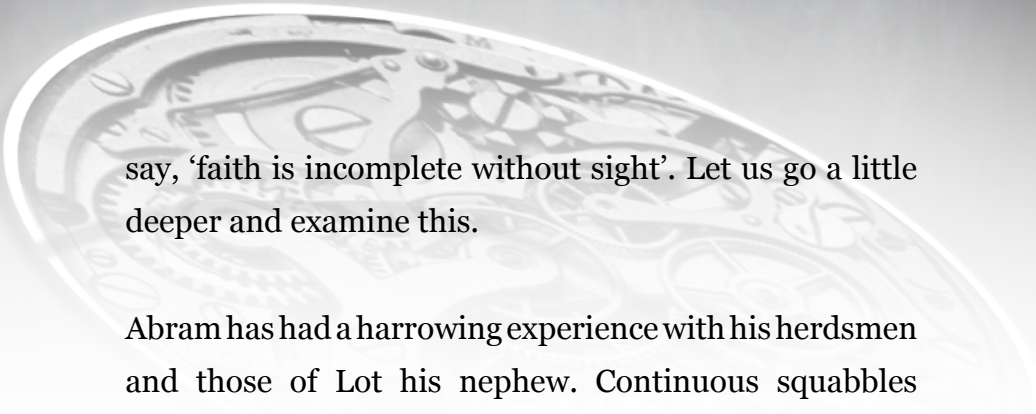


Chapter one

FAITH SEES AFAR OFF



The book of Hebrews, which some scholars attribute to Paul, reserves a wall of fame in the eleventh chapter to the patriarchs, all of whom all died in faith, unable to visibly see and experience the New Testament promises of the coming of the Messiah and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, but whose faith compelled them to be mindful of an Eternal City whose builder and maker is God. I want you to take note of one of the phrase in our scriptural text that says, ‘but having seen them afar off’. In spite of their inability to experience firsthand the promises God’s Spirit was witnessing to them, their sheer insight into the mind of God about this City gave them overwhelming hope to remain faithful during their earthly pilgrimage. Therefore, when it comes to understanding how faith works, the phrase (faith sees afar off) becomes a strong basis for our deposition. The element of ‘sight’ is cardinal in our Faith. Allow me



say, ‘faith is incomplete without sight’. Let us go a little deeper and examine this.

Abram has had a harrowing experience with his herdsmen and those of Lot his nephew. Continuous squabbles amongst their men compel him to call an abrupt family meeting to try and settle matters. He tells Lot, in essence, “As much as I would have loved to keep you with me, it is time we took our separate ways given the enormity of blessings God has given us.” He tells him to choose between the left or the right side of the land. Lot opts for the plain of Jordan that is well watered and journeys East. Abram on the other hand remains in the land of Canaan. Immediately after Lot’s departure, God speaks to Abram giving him specific instructions. Six things we learn from this biblical passage that help us understand how faith sees afar off.

Genesis 13:14 And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward.