

Growing in Faith V

“A Celebration of Elevation”

Faith is critical to our relationship with God.

Without faith it is impossible to please Him. *KJV Hebrews 11:6*

NKJ John 10:10 "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that **they** may have life, and that **they** may have *it more abundantly*.

Abundant life is a life where all your needs are met, is full of righteousness, peace and joy and is well balanced in life's six major areas: Spirit, soul, body, family, social and financial life.

- > The thief comes to steal your identity, kill your dreams and destroy your life. Consider *Genesis 27, 37 and Exodus 1-3*

NLT John 10:10 The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to **give them a rich and satisfying life**.

I

Enjoy a season of progress. *Genesis 15:5-12*

Progress is moving forward in the right direction, to the desired end.

Progress is moving forward in life's six major areas.

Progress is moving forward in the seven areas of influence.

II

Enjoy a season of promotion. *Joshua 3:7-8*

Promotion comes from the LORD. *Psalms 75:6-7*

Psalms 75:6 For promotion *cometh* neither from the east, Nor from the west, nor from the south. **7 But God is the judge:** He putteth down one, and setteth up another.

- > A sovereign gracious God determines our path.

III

Enjoy a season of fulfilled prophecy. *Psalms 78:67-72*

God has spoken with His mouth and now His hand is bringing it to pass.

2 Chronicles 6:4 And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, who hath with **his hands fulfilled that which he spake with his mouth** to my father David, saying,

- > David fed the flock in integrity and guided them with skill.

IV

Enjoy a season of His presence. *Luke 9:28-36* and *Philippians 2:5-11*

Humility leads to promotion.

Humility attracts His Grace. *James 4:6*

James 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, **but giveth grace unto the humble.**

In His humility, He came to us.

In His resurrection, He abides with us.

By His Spirit He is in us.

In His ascension, He is elevated above all.

- > Humility precedes exaltation and elevation.

- > *He is the exalted one! He is elevated! He is exalted!*