

## 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!*