

#### IV. TITHING

*“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the LORD of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.”* Malachi 3:10

*“Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives.”* Hebrews 7:8

Are you consistently returning the full tithe to God and your local church to increase your faith?

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#### V. HEARING

*“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”* Romans 10:17

- Have daily devotions.

*“But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’”* Matthew 4:4

- Participate in a weekly growth group.

*“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.”* Acts 2:42

- Attend a weekly church service.

*“Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.”* II Timothy 4:2

Are you consistently hearing the Bible through daily devotions, growth group, and church services to increase your faith?

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### NEXT LEVEL LIVING

Next Level Faith

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#### INTRODUCTION

- A. Are you ready to take your life to the Next Level in this new year? The challenge is that wishing and wanting it will not make it happen. Action is required. The good news is you do not have to do it alone. God will help you to fulfill the actions that are necessary to elevate your life to your new next level.

*“Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert.”* Isaiah 43:19

- B. There are three vital questions you must answer to advance to the next level:
  1. What level am I now?
  2. What is my next level?
  3. What actions must I do to get to the next level?

- C. This series will equip you with the six core actions that are necessary to go to the next level in any area of your life. The messages include:

Jan 9	Next Level Faith
Jan 16	Next Level Goals
Jan 23	Next Level Health
Jan 30	Next Level Prayers
Feb 6	Next Level Discipline
Feb 13	Next Level Teamwork

Come and hear these messages and discover what actions are needed to take your life to the next level!

- D. **TEXT:** Luke 17:5

Faith is confident obedience to the Word of God regardless of circumstances or consequences.

## HOW TO TAKE YOUR FAITH TO THE NEXT LEVEL

### I. FRIENDS

*“We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other,”*

II Thessalonians 1:3

*“As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.”*

Proverbs 27:17

*“that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.”*

Romans 1:12

Are you consistently hanging out with friends who will increase your faith?

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### II. ADVERSITY

*“6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,  
7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ”*

I Peter 1:6-7

*“Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction.”*

Isaiah 48:10

Are you consistently allowing adversity to increase your faith?

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### III. IMPATIENCE

Patience reveals our faith in God’s timing, power and love.

*“2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,*

*3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.*

*4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.”*

James 1:2-4

*“8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.*

*9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise;*

*10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.”*

Hebrews 11:8-10

*“And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.”*

Deuteronomy 8:2

*“10 My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience.*

*11 Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.”*

James 5:10-11

*“But he said to her, “You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips.”*

Job 2:10

*“Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; ...”*

Psalms 37:7a

Are you consistently waiting patiently on God to increase your faith?

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