



O For A Faith, A Living Faith

We all wish for a better world. It is a desire planted deep within us, to want a better place for our children to grow and live. Sometimes we can affect change, and sometimes we are unsuccessful. Why is this? Why do magnanimous efforts sometimes end in failure?

True change can only occur when our hearts change along with our ways. If our hearts do not change, the physical change in us or in our surroundings will be temporary, or not occur at all. We must have a heart after that of God, and a faith that is alive and working in our hearts. If we have a faith like this, “not locked in ancient creed, but flamed within the heart,” changes will occur by themselves. But, if people’s hearts are not in the attempted changes imposed upon them, the changes will most certainly be unsuccessful.

How glorious it would be if we all had hearts that were like that of God’s, and full of a true, living faith. If we all had a faith strong enough that God’s desires were our own and God’s visions were our visions, we would not be puppets to rules and laws like the Pharisees. We would understand goodness, respect, and justice, and desire to live by such principles. What a beautiful place our world would be if we governed with a heart of love—a heart that sought God’s guidance.

It may seem hopeless to imagine having such a world, but it most definitely is not hopeless. Changes can start small—they can start at home. Change can start with the way we manage our families, our churches, and our towns. Just one person who lives by a faithful heart can begin to change things. People will notice the changes and will desire them for themselves. We may not be able to change the entire world, but we can certainly make a difference in our own little worlds. Change is not easy, but God is stronger and bigger than any obstacle. It has to start somewhere.

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