



## Faith – The Power of a Step of Faith

I Live the Journey, Part 2

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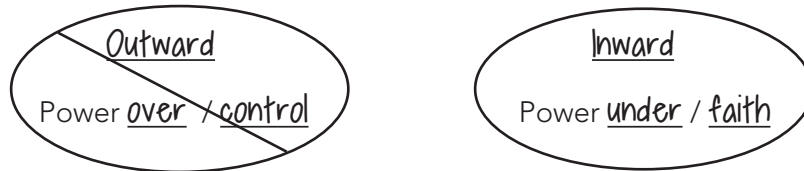
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For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but **faith working through** love.

Galatians 5:6



**ILTJ:** The "Journey" is a faith journey, so living it means steps of faith / trust / belief!

### SO WHAT DOES IT MEAN...

Actually and practically to take a step of faith?

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2 Corinthians 9:6–12, 15

**FAITH MEANS...** Believing / trusting / acting as if God is working...

↳ Behind

↳ Beyond

↳ Unseen... but powerfully

...then I will so order My blessing for you in the sixth year that it will bring forth the crop for three years.

Leviticus 25:21

**FAITH MEANS...** risking, stretching for big significance

**FAITH MEANS...** confronting my "fear default system"

"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

John 6:35 (NLT)

- Saying YES to a new system, where Jesus is in charge of my protection, provision, and value.

### SUGGESTED STEPS FOR A STEP OF FAITH

1. Name your fears in complete sentences and talk about them with God.
2. Try making a faith decision.

### FORMAT:

"If God is real, for me and orders blessings... what do I decide? How should I pray, what direction should I go...?"

### FOREGROUND: Worship!

3. Pray the ILTJ prayer... and then listen!

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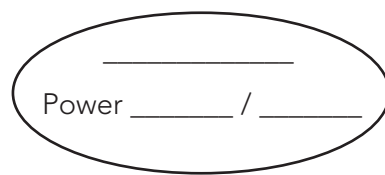
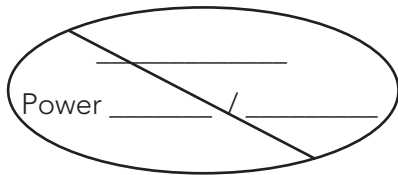
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as if \_\_\_\_\_...

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**FOREGROUND:** \_\_\_\_\_!

3. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_... and then \_\_\_\_\_!

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