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FAITH BEGINS WITH THE FIRST STEP

I remember the day that my first child took her first steps. They were short steps, but they were the beginning of change for her and me. It was an exciting moment for me, and for her. She soon learned how to walk but it all started with those first steps.

Faith works the same way. We do not have great faith until we first take those baby steps of little faith. Many never get beyond the baby steps of faith because of fear. They are afraid they will fail. Just like my child fell often when she first started to walk, so will we fall in developing our faith walk. Remember, it is a lifetime journey.

What a child learns is they must get up and try again. We encourage them to “come to mama or daddy” and this gives them confidence. Likewise, our faith walk grows as we see the Heavenly Father bidding us “come to me” and making the move toward him.

Just as Jesus saw Peter sinking in the water because he took his eyes off him, he reaches out a hand of love and saves us when we fail. But our life does not end with that failure. Through these tests and failures, we learn how to do the right thing. Eventually, if we do not give up, our faith grows. Then one day it is so strong that we are the ones that help others in their faith walk.

Remember, faith starts with the first step toward God, and then it grows. Do not be discouraged if you are not a faith giant right away. It takes time to develop faith just like it takes time for a child to learn to walk. Keep in mind what it says in Hebrews 11:6, **“But without faith it is impossible to please him [God]....”** God is pleased when we grow in faith, so this should be motivation enough for each of us to keep growing in faith.

God is saying, come my child, I am reaching out my hand to help. You can do it!