**"FAITH’S 5-PACK"**

The prophet Isaiah relays this from God: “You are my witnesses and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may *know* and *believe* me and *understand* that I am he. ….If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all" (Isaiah 43:10 and 7:9).

To equip followers of Jesus Christ to stand firm, Beth Moore, in *Believing God*, offers a “five-statement pledge of faith that encompasses virtually everything we're challenged to believe.”

**1. GOD IS WHO HE SAYS HE IS.**

Everybody is looking for the way, for truth, for the best in life. They are all wrapped up in a Person.

Let’s read John 14:1-7 (p. 229 MSG). Exodus 3:13-15 (p. NIV), John 1:1-5, (p. 788 NIV), Mark 1:9-11 (p. 78 MSG), Matthew 16:13-17 (p. 44 MSG).

**2. I AM WHO GOD SAYS I AM.**

"God don't make no junk." Herb Barks

Let’s read from Psalm 139 (p. 467 NIV), Ephesians 1:3-12 (p. 422 MSG), 1 John 5:9-13 (p. 907 NIV), Ephesians 2:1-6 (p. 423 MSG),

**3. GOD WILL DO WHAT HE SAYS HE WILL DO.**

"Everything is possible to the one who believes.." said Jesus in His encounter with the father of the son with the demon spirit.

**Let’s read Mark 9:23-24 (p. 97 MSG).**

What *has* God promised to do? (a) To **never abandon** those who trust Him (Hebrews 13). (b) Jesus will return to **take them to be with Him** forever (John 14, 1 Thessalonians 4, 1 Corinthians 15). (c) Because Jesus sacrificed His life for us on the cross to forgive *all* our sins, believers will **never face God’s eternal judgment** for their sins (Hebrews 9, Romans 8). (Of course, in this life we’ll pay the natural consequences for our sins.) (d) God will give His believers **peace** that’s indescribable (John 14, Romans 5), **wisdom** to make right choices (James 1) and (Psalm 91). (e) And He’ll **meet your needs** (Philippians 4).

**4. WITH CHRIST’S STRENGTH**

**I CAN DEAL WITH ANYTHING.**

**Let’s read Philippians 4:6-14 (p. 439 MSG), Hebrews 11: 1-6 (p. 494 MSG) and 2 Corinthians 12:6-10 (p. 404 MSG).**

**5. GOD’S WORD IS ALIVE AND ACTIVE IN ME.**

**Let’s read Hebrews 4:12-13 (p. 484 MSG) and 2 Timothy 3:14-17 (p. 471 MSG).**

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