

# Endurance!

I was watching you tube's copy of the TCC in Denver City where our youth group went recently. I loved the song they were singing: "He called me Higher!" But most of all I liked it because several of the kids shown singing were pictures of our kids.

There is no doubt that our kids were on an emotional high and their faith was soaring. They wanted to answer Jesus' call to go higher and to go deeper in their relationship of faith with Him.

At the same time I was relishing the picture this video gave me. There were pangs of pain knowing that Satan would, beyond a shadow of a doubt, attack their faith to destroy them.

God allowed Satan to kill Jesus! But it demonstrated the awesome power of God's righteousness because Jesus' death destroyed the power of death. God has revealed His power to invite us to place our faith and trust in His power and His will. Indeed God wants our children's faith to go higher and to go deeper. He wants their faith to grow from where it is to where it will be stronger. The joy of the moment they were experiencing at the TC Conference God wants to turn into eternal glory and joy in heaven.

Jesus, telling His disciples that if they had faith as small as a mustard seed they could move mountains, was not just telling us how weak our faith is, He was telling us of how huge God's power is.

We need perseverance in our faith! This virtue is from God. No one is more steadfast than Him. But when by faith we endure the attacks of Satan, Oh he will attack us. If he tried to kill Jesus and was defeated, he has not learned his lesson. He will try to destroy our faith with as much fervor as he used on Jesus. He sends his attacks to destroy our faith, but when we endure them, God blesses our faith by making it stronger.

Keep your faith! Do not fear Satan's power. He has no power when we stand with Jesus by faith. Love the words of life. Study the will of God, but cling to your faith. Don't be lured from your faith in God by deceptive substitutes.

Nothing in this world is based on righteousness and power from God except Jesus and His church. Cling to the power!