

Facing the Future: Move Forward in Faith, Not Fear

 Scripture Focus: 2 Corinthians 5:7

“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”

Devotional Thought:

When COVID-19 rapidly changed life as we knew it, crosses popped up in front yards all over the country—marked with a simple but powerful message: **Faith Over Fear**. But I often wonder... how many of those people still live by that motto today?

Maybe you're one of them. Maybe you remember the uncertainty, the fear, the prayers you whispered when the world felt upside down. Or maybe it wasn't COVID that shook your foundation—but a storm like *Hurricane Helene*, which devastated so much of Southeast Georgia.

I'll never forget those hours—watching the water drip into the house, praying in the safest corner we could find. At one point, we called family to say goodbye. We truly weren't sure we'd make it through the night. But we prayed. In the darkness, through the wind, we cried out to the only One who could save.

And He did.

When the storm passed and the daylight broke through, it felt like a holy moment. We stepped outside, water everywhere, trees down, but **we were alive**. We rejoiced in simply seeing the sunrise.

In those moments—whether it's a pandemic, a hurricane, or a personal storm—we *remember* to cling to faith. We drop our arguments, forget our differences, and love like Jesus. Neighbors help neighbors. People pray. And for a moment, we're united as God's children.

But then time passes. The debris disappears. The news shifts focus. And sadly, some folks slip right back into old patterns—fear, division, and self-dependence.

So today is a challenge: **Don't go back.** Don't let fear lead you. **Faith didn't just carry you through the crisis—faith is what will carry you into the future.** You may not know what tomorrow holds, but you know *Who* holds tomorrow.

Reflect + Respond:

- Are you living by faith—or have you allowed fear to creep back in?
- What would it look like to trust God again with the same passion you had during the storm?

Prayer:

God, thank You for carrying me through the hardest moments of my life. Help me not to forget. Help me to walk in faith—not just when everything falls apart, but every single day. I trust You with the future, no matter what it brings. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.