



## Clarity.

Faith often seems a lot more like wandering around in the dark, than anything resembling a clear path. At different times and by different people I've been told I have a lot of faith and told I don't seem to have much at all. It isn't a comfortable place to be.

"It's not that I don't believe, it's just that sometimes, faith feels more like cataracts than clarity. Please, go gentle on me." - Levi the Poet

It is not always easy to see where life is going. Life seems to have a way of introducing chaos into what once seemed so clear. Seemed so obvious. Hopes, dreams seem to find their way away from our grasp. Moving just as we get close enough we can almost taste them.

I think of the way Hebrews 11:1 describes faith. That it is the substance of what is hoped for. That it is the conviction of things unseen. I think of it and wonder, what does it mean for our faith to be the conviction of something unseen? We can claim to see things that are coming. Even things that aren't there yet, but we see the path that will allow whatever that thing is to come to pass.

I also think of the story of Peter, called out of the boat to come towards Jesus. Going from a boat, security, understanding, to being asked to step out of the boat and onto the water. The chaos, the unstable. What was going through his mind as he took the first step? What was going through his mind as he began to sink? What was going through his mind as Jesus reached out to pull him up?

What if faith is only present, is only able to be present in moments that have no clear path? That have no obvious way forward? Moving towards something that we see no way to get to or towards a result that doesn't seem to have any connection with where we are at now?



## **continue the conversation questions:**

Are you someone who normally would prefer things all planned out or more go with the flow?

Have there been times in your life where there didn't seem to be any clear way forward?

How did you respond to those moments?

Looking back is it possible to see where God might have been working in those situations?