

A FAITH LIFT

"Christian faith is a grand cathedral, with divinely pictured windows. Standing without, you can see no glory, nor can imagine any, but standing within, every ray of light reveals a harmony of unspeakable splendors."

Nathaniel Hawthorne

1 Peter

WHO: _____

WHAT: _____

WHEN: _____

WHY: _____

FAITH: the confidence or trust in a person or a thing; a belief that is not based on proof; a belief in God or in the doctrines or teachings of religion; sticking to one's promise; oath, allegiance; faithful, steady; an allegiance or affection; loyal, constant, reliable, trusted, believed.

BEAUTY: A pleasing quality associated with harmony of form or color, excellence of craftsmanship, truthfulness, originality, or often unspecifiable property.

FAITH + BEAUTY = A woman who walks with the Lord

BEAUTY - FAITH = A woman who listens to the world

"The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power, and all that beauty, all that wealth e'er gave; awaits alike the inevitable hour, the paths of glory lead but to the grave."

Thomas Gray

BEAUTY SECRETS OF THE RICH IN FAITH: (1 Peter 1:1-3)

+ ELECTED & CHOSEN

Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I
knew you, before you were born I set you apart."

"It's a good thing God chose me before I was born, because He surely would not have afterwards."

C.H. Spurgeon

+ SCATTERED & STRANGERS

Philippians 3:20 "But our citizenship is in heaven"

"For people who are trapped in pain...heaven promises a time far longer and more substantial than the time we spent on earth...The Bible never belittles human disappointment...but it does add one key word: TEMPORARY. What we feel now, we will not always feel."

Philip Yancey

+ GROWTH & OBEDIENCE

Matthew 13:31 "The kingdom of heaven is like..."

Matthew 17:20 "If you have faith as small as ..."

"Every great person has first learned HOW to obey, WHOM to obey, and WHEN to obey."

William Ward

+ LIFE & HOPE

Psalms 13:5,6 "But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart rejoices

In your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, for He has been good to me."

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave..."

"So we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without His unfolding grace. These hard times are small potatoes compared to the coming good times, the lavish celebration prepared for us...The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can't see now will last forever."

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (The

Message)

BEAUTY TREATMENT: Where, in my life, do I need a faith lift? And what is one way I can begin to grow in, and deepen, my faith?

