#### Dare to live in the company of the

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Hebrews  $11:1\ (NIV)$ 

is faith-filled

"God is looking for imperfect men and women who have learned to walk in moment-by-moment dependence on the Holy Spirit. Christians who have come to terms with their own inadequacies, fears, and failures. Believers who have become discontent with 'surviving' and have taken the time to investigate everything God has to offer in this life." (Charles Stanley)

It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. <sup>25</sup> He chose to share the oppression of God's people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin. <sup>26</sup> He thought it was better to suffer for the sake of Christ than to own the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to his great reward. <sup>27</sup> It was by faith that Moses left the land of Egypt, not fearing the king's anger. He kept right on going because he kept his eyes on the one who is invisible.

Hebrews 11:24-27 (NLT)

"I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me.

Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows.

But take heart, because I have overcome the world." John 16:33 (NLT)

"A soul that is capable of God can be filled with nothing else but God; nothing but God can fill a soul that is capable of God." (Jeremiah Burroughs)

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I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances...

I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation...

13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:11b, 12b, 13 (NIV)

#### What is "Holy Discontent?

Holy discontent is that uneasiness of spirit the child of God experiences as they align their heart with the heart of God. This alignment moves them to personally address the brokenness and pain of this life, and bring God's hope and redemptive presence into that situation.

#### Holy discontentment in ...

When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. <sup>7</sup>Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. <sup>8</sup>But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. <sup>9</sup>And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation. <sup>10</sup>For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. <sup>11</sup>So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.

Romans 5:6-11 (NLT)

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:12-14 (NIV)

## Holy discontentment is a product of the of personal .

Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight! <sup>2</sup> Yes, what joy for those whose record the LORD has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty! <sup>3</sup> When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long. <sup>4</sup> Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat. <sup>5</sup> Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the LORD." And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.

Psalm 32:1-4 (NLT)

Timothy, my dear son, be strong through the grace that God gives you in Christ Jesus. - <sup>15</sup> Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth. - <sup>21</sup> If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work. <sup>22</sup> Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts.

II Timothy 2:1, 15, 21-22 (NLT)

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.

<sup>2</sup> My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

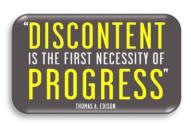
Psalm 42:1-2a (NIV)

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Matthew 5:6 (NIV)

Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

I John 2:6 (NIV)

# Holy discontentment moves me beyond into the of others.



One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. <sup>12</sup> Looking this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. <sup>13</sup> The next day

he went out and saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong, "Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?" <sup>14</sup> The man said, "Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid and thought, "What I did must have become known." Exodus 2:11-14 (NIV)

The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

Exodus 3:7-10 (NIV)

### Holy discontentment brings a \_\_\_\_\_\_ for my true .

But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives.

And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior.

Philippians 3:20 (NLT)

"If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world." (C.S. Lewis)

Abraham was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God. Hebrews 11:10 (NLT)

...what holy and godly lives you should live, <sup>12</sup> looking forward to the day of God and hurrying it along. On that day, he will set the heavens on fire, and the elements will melt away in the flames. <sup>13</sup> But we are looking forward to the new heavens and new earth he has promised, a world filled with God's righteousness.

II Peter 3:11b-13 (NLT)

He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen.

Come, Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people.

Amen. Revelation 22:20-21 (NIV)