Sacred Journey 2

Lets review the 3 qualifiers of a united community on a Sacred Journey

Belief

Behavior

Belonging

The leading qualifier for a Christian is Belief.

**What is a ‘Belief’?**

**Let’s break it down.**

It is a trusted proposition that is held to be true, by one individual or by many.

Some general knowledge of Belief

‘Belief’ is taking a position that something is true and that this something is indeed part of our reality.

**WARNING!**

Let’s be clear, simply believing something doesn’t make it true even if it appears beneficial, harmless or emotionally gratifying.

Having a ‘Belief’ does not mandate or prove that what is believed is true even when held by a majority.

There are certain characteristics embedded within ‘Belief’ that may render it unable to be fully provable or fully credible.

**Moving towards what makes up a Biblical Belief.**

If a Belief is to be beneficial it must originate from a truth statement.

If what is believed is not founded upon something that is true the outcome may be misleading or harmful.

Belief can exist even when the subject of its focused concern may not be discernable to others.

Belief is not completely subject to Objective Investigation or Scientific Study.

When Belief is grounded in truth it is not pure imagination or wishful thinking, it is considered a sane thought if and when the accepted conclusion is true.

These Beliefs have now become “truth claims.”

Truth Claims collectively become the foundation of what we profess to believe.

Such Beliefs reflect what we hold to be true.

Beliefs, which are Truth Claims, become, by natural progression, the basis of our Faith Statements.

Faith Statements are meant to define known reality.

Faith Statements interpret how we engage with known reality.

Faith Statements direct how we engage with known reality.

Faith Statements is the language of our FAITH.

**FAITH**

Faith becomes the motor in living out our Truth Claims (Beliefs). The evidence of what we hold to be true.

Faith becomes our beliefs in action.

KJV **Hebrews 11:1** “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

If Faith is the motor, then what does faith do? For Faith is both a Subject and a Verb.

It is substance

and

it is action.

It is more a spiritual thing then a natural thing.

Why do I say that? Because it has no place on the elements’ chart.

It can neither be weighed nor measured. Yet it is felt and therefore, being impactful, it has substance.

It is here that the best analogy for Faith comes from understanding spirit,

most importantly the ‘Ruach HaKadosh’ or ‘Holy Spirit.’

In Hebrew Ruach is translated ‘wind, spirit, breathe.’

HaKadosh means ‘the holy.’

The Holy Spirit never is observed as having a weighed and measured natural adornment.

The Holy Spirit is seen ‘as a’ or ‘ like’ an object but never is that object.

The Holy Spirit is a ‘cause’ that imparts an effect. The ‘effect’ is observable, experienced and memorable.

This is the same for Faith.

Without physical attributes, Faith’s cause and effect has substantive influence upon the natural and supernatural world in which we live.

Faith is not meant to be blind.

Its foundation has been laid and we continue to stand upon it.

NIV **Romans 10:17** Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

That foundation is spiritually discerned.

**As scripture states:** 7 “We live by faith, not by sight.” **2 Corinthians 5:7**

What is implied is that Faith is the constant unchanging premise.

Because Faith allows us to see beyond what is and see what is not yet.