

#8 Today's Faith Gives Me Peace

What Faith Does for Me

1. Faith gives me a _____ today.

"Faith is trusting in advance what will only make sense in reverse."

— PHILIP YANCEY

She Is Gone

*I am standing on the seashore,
A ship appears
and spreads her white sails
to the morning breeze
and starts for the ocean.
She is an object of beauty
and I stand watching her
till at last she fades away on the horizon,
and someone at my side quietly says,
"She is gone." Gone where?
Gone from my vision, that is all;
she is just as large as when
I saw her last.
The diminished size
and the total loss of sight
is in me, not in her;
and just as the moment
when someone at my side says,
"She is gone,"
there are others who are watching
her coming and other voices
take up a joyful shout,
"There she comes!"*

— UNKNOWN

2. Faith gives me _____ for today.

Where there is no faith in the future, there is no power in the present.

3. Faith gives me _____ today.

Christopher Reeve said, America has a tradition of achieving the impossible. That's part of our national character. That's what got us from one coast to another. That's what got us the largest economy in the world. That's what got us to the moon. On the wall of my room when I was in rehabilitation was a picture of the space shuttle, autographed by every astronaut now at NASA. On top of the picture it says, "We found nothing impossible." That should be our motto. It's something that we must do together. So many of our dreams at first seem impossible, then they seem improbable, and then, when we summon the will, they soon become inevitable. If we can conquer outer space, we should be able to conquer inner space — the frontier of the brain, the central nervous system, and all the afflictions of the body that destroy so many lives, and rob so much potential.

"Faith keeps the person who keeps the faith."

— MOTHER TERESA