Faith is not just a measure of your capacity; it is also your passion for moving towards your desire fully fired up for the task. Nor does it mean you will always start knowing and doing what you will ultimately know and do. Your journey may begin far more random as you search for the seeming illusive path of your life.

Consider Milton Hershey, whose journey I outlined in “Be Persistently Problem Solving.” Did he know he would eventually be king of the chocolate industry? Certainly not! Did dropping out of school tell him anything more than his life was aimless? After all, taking the first job as an apprentice to a printer Hershey, and was subsequently fired, seems to indicate that was not a job of passion but survival.

Nonetheless, even without a vision, Divine Guidance is always available for our search for our purpose and will guide us as we are responsive.

The evidence shows that the God of our universe is not coercive but persuasive. Milton Hershey became an apprentice to a candy-maker in Lancaster, PA. After spending four years his passion led to his three unsuccessful candy companies in Philadelphia, Chicago and New York. Passion as faith is not limited to moving us towards our desire; it will also help us to transcend our failures. Winston Churchill said, “Success is the ability to go from failure to failure without losing your enthusiasm.” That is the evidence of our passion.

Ralph Waldo Emerson takes enthusiasm or passion even further. He said, “Enthusiasm is one of the most powerful engines of success. When you do a thing, do it with all your might. Put your whole soul into it. Stamp it with your own personality. Be active, be energetic, be enthusiastic and faithful, and you will accomplish your object. Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.”

Hershey arrived at his mountaintop because his passion of faith gave him the capacity to persist in the worst of times.

To be passionate is to be fully present in the moment but with our power under control. It is said, “Power without control is useless and chaotic.” Passion needs constructive and creative direction. This is our responsibility stemming from our spiritual freedom. In a universe where God is coercive, there cannot be freedom, and as such, God would be responsible for all the wrongdoing of the world since God would have the power to prevent those acts, and did not. However, in a universe where God is persuasive, freedom is possible, however, we have the responsibility to take dominion (freedom) over our lives by our intelligent choices, and not simply operate by our blind passion or emotions. Passion functions like the power of the engine of our car. As an intelligent and responsible driver guides his car, so must you guide your passion to achieve your aims.

Passion keeps you focused even if you are doing currently other than what fulfills you. In the baseball season of 2017-2018, Alex Wood, a young pitcher on the Dodger’s Baseball team, was coming out of the bullpen. Alex’s vision of himself was as a starting pitcher. He said of himself, “I am a starting pitcher coming out of the bullpen.”

When the opportunity came for him to start because of injuries to some
The universal Mind flows through the individual and comes to the surface of the conscious mind as an actual experience. Truth comes from the inner to the outer self; from God, the Universal Spirit, to God, the manifest person; and every person and is a direct manifestation of God.

There is a larger Mind within each person which may be called upon. There is nothing too small or too great for this Mind. We should listen! Be receptive! Believe absolutely! Be convinced! The person with a great purpose in life is always consciously or unconsciously holding this purpose up to the universal Influx, thus causing an outpouring of Divine Wisdom through his own individual mind.

All great people have done this. They may not have known or believed they were doing it, but all who have achieved success in any branch of life have used this Power, consciously or unconsciously. It makes no difference whether we say ideas come from God or from man, for when we get back to the real man we cannot separate him from God. God, the Universal, individualizes in man; all are individualizations of the same Spirit.

The Spirit is One and not two! It is a perfect Whole. We should feel that it expresses itself directly through us, is our guiding star in every enterprise. There is a side to us which lies open to the Infinite. The Infinite Wisdom becomes human knowledge in such a degree as the human furnishes a channel through which it may flow. The greatest men who have ever lived have recognized this fact. They have consciously expected it, consciously received it, and there came a time when they consciously felt it flowing through them.

Follow Faith with Action

If we need Divine Guidance, we should consciously expect it, saying: “Perfect Spirit within now directs me as to what to do and how to do it.” Then this act of faith must be followed by action. We must not leave it up in the air. Here is the difference between the dreamer and the practical person: The dreamer is always floating around in the clouds, while the practical person keeps his though in the clouds and his feet on the earth. This sort of practicality is necessary.
It is astounding the spiritual instruction accessible through the wisdom pioneers of days gone past: the Rumi’s, the Rilke’s, the Meister Eckhart’s. For example, the poet Rilke tells us: “Believe in a love that is being stored up for you like an inheritance, and have faith that in this love there is a strength and a blessing so large that you can travel as far as you wish without having to step outside it.” Here, Rilke perfectly coincides with the declaration by Greek philosopher Heraclitus that says: “You won’t discover the limits of the soul, however far you go.”

This is the legacy left to us by our founder Ernest Holmes, an appreciation for the spiritual pioneers and explorers down through the ages. Holmes himself is not shy about telling us to grab hold of the deepest essence of our being, life itself, when he writes, “You cannot be happy unless you believe in immortality. You not only have the joy of living today, but an equal joy of knowing that you will live forever. You are an eternal being now on the pathway of endless unfoldment, never less but always more yourself.”

This is Holmes writing in a small book entitled The Larger Life under the heading of “Prerequisite for Happiness.” He continues to plant the seeds of the greatness of our true identity, saying, “You have an invisible body right now. You are as immortal now as you ever will become, and you should begin to live like an immortal being.” Taken in its full measure, this is exhilarating instruction.

Sixth Century Zen Master Seng-ts’an affirmed: “With not even a trace of self-doubt, you can trust the universe completely.”

The Bible tells us “I put before you this day good and evil: choose good that you and your descendants may live.” Sufi mystic Rumi takes this admonition a step further in saying: Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing, there is a field. I’ll meet you there. / When the soul lies down in that grass, the world is too full to talk about. Ideas, language, even the phrase each other doesn’t make any sense.

Rumi is explaining or actually implying in a mystical round about way that the aspect of our mind that tells light from dark and this from that can be suspended altogether and we’ll find ourselves in the beautiful emptiness of the beholding mind without resorting at all to the right/wrong mechanism. This is the pure realm of unity, peace and ever more peace.

Holmes, writing in his book Spiritual Awareness, writes: “Jesus said that there is a Truth which known automatically will demonstrate Itself in our experience. It is not in our stars nor in our environment that we should look to discover this Truth, but in the conscious union of the heart’s desire with the Source of Its being.” Wonderful.

Now, hold that thought and couple it with this insight from Zen Master Tung-shan: If you look for the truth outside yourself, it gets farther and farther away. / Today, walking alone, I meet him everywhere I step. / He is the same as me, yet I am not him. / Only if you understand it in this way will you merge with the way things are.

Thirteenth Century German mystic Meister Eckhart declares: “I am as sure as I live that nothing is so near to me as God. God is nearer to me than I am to myself; my existence depends on the nearness
of the starting pitchers, Wood moved in, and at one point, was 10:0 as a starter. In that season, Wood went on to become an all-star pitcher for the first time.

If competition does one good thing, it can bring out the best in us. Of course, it can also do the opposite. Keeping competition in its positive mode, the experience informs us that there is always greater excellence within for us to bring out as our experience. We may say we are capable of an all-star level of performance if we can find our right use of passion or enthusiasm. It seems to require that we find what we love, and as we hold that vision, we will tend to work unrelentingly.

If this level of intensity sounds more than you are capable, it may be because you believe, erroneously, you need this great degree of passion from the outset. Admittedly, you need some. However, passion like a plant will grow as you nurture it with your loving vision. When you love what you do, it become self-sustaining and self-reinforcing. Your level of passion will grow. You can hardly imagine yourself not doing what you love and certainly not even retiring from what gives rise to your passion.

To be passionate is to be vitally alive every day. Life is creatively challenging, and will offer many obstacles. Those without the power of passion will wilt like plants without sufficient water and too much sun. Faith as passion will nurture your consciousness beyond the negative, setting your activity squarely in the hope of your vision and in the assurance of your faith. Those who become discouraged settle for less when more could be their choice if they warmed up more passionately to the greater capacity for the passion of faith within them.

Within such passion, affirm, “If it is to be, it is up to me!” and claim your birthright to have your life as it can be.

“The Word

THE TEN POWERS OF FAITH
6. Be Prepared
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“Prepare your mind to receive the best that life has to offer.”
— Ernest Holmes

The Reyes family expresses their gratitude to Founder’s member and nurse practitioner, Michele Rigsby-Pauley and to Cedar Sinai Hospital for helping provide needed items to the family at Christmas time and gifts to all of the children, two of whom are on the autism spectrum.
I had a dream the other night
And in that dream I saw a light
Coming from a mountain I was bound to climb
So I set out to see what I’d find.

And as I walked along the way
The wind and the rocks had a lot to say
About a man I heard of in a storybook
Who wrestled with an angel and got a look

Into the Face of God

Now, I’ve been wrestling quite a bit myself,
Wrestling with my insides and wrestling with my fear,
Wrestling with that same angel and tryna’ persevere.

But I heard a calling and I saw a light.
I was afraid of falling and I thought I might.
But I didn’t let go ‘til the angel blessed me
‘til my eyes were open and I could see
the glory of God surrounding me.

I pushed on and I didn’t let go
‘til a voice said, “Be still and know.”

And then I stood there in wonder
I stood there in awe
While the sky opened wide
and that’s when I saw…

The Face of God

I saw the face of God in my brother, mother, father, wife
and child
I had a feeling and it felt so wild,
Like an ocean flowing through my veins.
Like my soul had been unchained.

I laughed, I cried, I danced and I sang
While all the sounds in heaven rang.
Still I remember I just stood there in wonder
while the angels sang and the heavens thundered.

I stood there in wonder. I stood there in awe
While the sky opened wide and that’s when I saw…

In the petals of a flower,
In the minutes of the hour

In the stranger on the street
In the face of everyone I meet

I saw the face of God

In the grass growing
In the clouds blowing across the sky
And there we were, you and I…

the Face of God

March 30 beginning date, Practitioner II, term 3,
(prerequisites required)
February 9, 2019 beginning date, Practitioner I,
term 2, 9:00-12:00
April 7, 12:00-3:00, beginning date “The Essential
Ernest Holmes”

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February 24, 7:00-10:00 beginning date for
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Non-certificated class

Feb. 20 for 10 weeks, Book study,
“Viviendo la Ciencia de la Mente” “(Living the
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The Fire, Music Training program, is a free music program being offered to youth from middle school to high school. This program is sponsored by Founder’s Community Outreach Corporation, a 501 (c) 3 Corporation and directed by Brent Jones. Our Mission Statement for this youth program is to “Teach the youth life skills through the arts”.

On February 2019 the group went to a major recording studio to record their first of many songs for that will be featured on their upcoming album which will be used for fund-raising purposes. The excitement among the youth was unmeasurable. For most this was the first time ever being in a recording studio. Your Tax Free Donation would be appreciated and can be sent to Founder’s Community Outreach Corporation, 3281 W. Sixth Street, Los Angeles, CA 90020. For further information about this exciting program or to register interested youth, please call Founder’s Community Outreach Corporation, at (213) 388-9733 x118.

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Alvin Turner celebrated his 90th birthday (actually, Nov. 29), with friends December 30th, receiving commendations from the Los Angeles Alumni Council, And Proclamations from the State Assembly and Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor from the, and a crystal trophy from Founder’s Church. Gratitude was expressed for his long and continuing contributions to his church and his community. Alvin seems to know the secret to a long, joyful, healthy, and active life. Many thanks to Alvin for all that he gives back to us. We can learn from his excellent example.
Founder’s Junior Church, Teachers and Founder’s Community Outreach Corporation joined community members in Founder’s courtyard to paint backdrops for the FACT, Family, Adult and Child Therapies production of the play, “Toons Gone Rogue,” which was presented at the Blue Door Theater in Culver City on December 8, 2018. FACT was started over twenty years ago by Founder’s member Elizabeth Beltran and two other mothers with children on the autism spectrum. These mothers formed the group to pool their finances and experiences to create effective means of meeting the challenges of raising their special needs children.

The group, now a non-profit organization, having seven chapters from the San Gabriel Valley to Thousand Oaks, has partnered with other groups to receive grants to assist in their work. Through partnering and receiving grants, the organization is now able to offer therapy to children and adults as well as assistance in helping people on the spectrum receiving life skill training and achieve success in attending community colleges. Through the years, FACT has found that theater is an effective way of helping people on the autism spectrum understand social cues and means of effective communication. The plays produced by the group are written and performed by those served by the center.

Founder’s Member, Elizabeth Beltran, was recognized for her years of service to the Lanterman Regional Center by a proclamation from the California Legislative Assembly, at the centers volunteer luncheon held at Founder’s on Dec. 14, 2018. Elizabeth is shown here with proclamation and her son, Dominique, who displays the gift basket he won as a door price. Dominique joyfully announced he would give the basket to his mom for Christmas.

Our Vision

Our vision is to help individuals understand and use positive spiritual principles to bring their dreams into reality for their personal growth and fulfillment and for the good of the community as a whole.
### A Thought For Every Day by Norma Guillotte, RScP

**Monday:** Today I am a powerful tower of strength and stability, through the understanding that God is my infallible resource. I increase daily my spiritual measure of success.  
**Tuesday:** God’s forgiving love within me makes me discard all thought of ill will, injustice, or malice. His love releases all tension. My faith is restored and free to do its perfect work.  
**Wednesday:** Today the Life of Spirit that flows freely is energizing every part of my being. The perfect coordination and functioning from each part of my body is held in a perfect rhythm and harmony. I am aware of this perfection.  
**Thursday:** I am not subject to any habit that is harmful to me. There is nothing in me that yearns for anything that is not for my good. I appreciate accepting control of the Presence Within my desires, emotions and actions.  
**Friday:** This is the day I will look for and find a closer relationship with the Presence of God. New and vital ideas will be provided that will enrich my thoughts and provide unlimited opportunities.  
**Saturday:** Today I will maintain an affirmative attitude towards life. I am one with all life, beauty and love. I will let love and understanding flow through me. I know that what I’m going to give will come back multiplied by one hundred.  
**Sunday:** Divine justice operates in all my affairs. There is only one Cause, the operative Power in my life. God is this cause and the effect is good. In the stillness of the Presence of God, there is no disturbance.

### Un Pensamiento Para Cada Día, por Norma Guillotte, RScP

**Lunes:** Hoy soy una poderosa torre de fuerza y estabilidad, a través de la comprensión de que Dios es mi recurso infalible. Incremento diariamente mi medida espiritual de éxito.  
**Martes:** Dios perdonando el amor dentro de mí me hace, desecha todo pensamiento de mala voluntad, injusticia o malicia. Su amor libera toda la tensión. Mi fe es restaurada y libre para hacer su trabajo perfecto.  
**Miércoles:** Hoy la vida del Espíritu que fluye libremente es energizante. Cada parte de mi ser la perfecta coordinación y funcionamiento. De cada parte de mi cuerpo se mantiene en perfecto ritmo y armonía.  
**Jueves:** No estoy sujeto a ningún hábito que sea dañino para mí. No hay nada en mí que anhela nada. Eso no es para mi bien. Aprecio aceptar el control de la Presencia. Dentro de mis deseos, emociones y acciones.  
**Viernes:** Este es el día que buscaré y encontrare una relación más cercana con el Presencia de Dios. Se proporcionarán ideas nuevas y vitales que enriquecerán Mis pensamientos y proporcionar oportunidades ilimitadas.  
**Sábado:** Hoy mantendré una actitud afirmativa hacia la vida. Soy uno con toda la vida, la belleza y el amor. Voy a dejar el amor y la comprensión fluye a través de mí. Sé que lo que voy a dar volverá multiplicado por cien.  
**Domingo:** La justicia divina opera en todos mis asuntos. Solo hay una Causa, el Poder operativo en mi vida. Dios es esta causa y el efecto es bueno. En la quietud de la Presencia de Dios, no hay perturbación.

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**Prayer for Divine Right Action**

*I center myself now in awareness of the peace of Spirit within me. I let all doubts, worries, and anxieties melt away from my consciousness. I focus on the quiet and sense the unity. I am not alone. I am part of the clarity and wisdom of God. It surrounds me and permeates my being. I move forward now with confidence, knowing that at each step of the way I am Divinely guided to know what to do, when to do it, and how to do it. I give thanks for this truth, and so it is.*
Our Mission

• We teach The Science of Mind, a Positive Spirituality, taking truth from all sources.
• We seek to unite people of all ages, races, and cultures in a caring community.
• We help people bring their dreams into reality.
• We teach personal responsibility and self-mastery.
• We teach health and healing in the spiritual, mental, physical, social/emotional, and environmental areas.
• We teach people how to develop their genius and to thrive and flourish.
• We help in the development of children and hold life in trust for the future generations.
• We serve our community in the areas of our strengths.
• We encourage the arts.
• We work at manifesting the highest level of spiritual awareness

Schedule of Services

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8:30 a.m. Bible Study Group - Alvin Turner, RScP - Armor Lounge
10:00 a.m. Spanish Service - Ann Doherty, RScP, Director, - Holmes Chapel
9:30 a.m. Meditation - led by a Practitioner - Armor Lounge
9:45 a.m. Piano Prelude - Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Junior Church (3 - 12 years) - Armor Lounge
10:00 a.m. Youth Church (13 - 18 years) - Hornaday Hall

Wednesdays On break until further notice

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