

The Audacity of Faith

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“Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen” (Ephesians 3:20-21).

I love what Arthur P. Adams (1845-1925), in his work *The Purpose of Trials*, termed “the audacity of faith” – that spiritual courage to believe God regardless of the circumstances – that daring boldness to simply believe God over our emotions, over our senses – that plain audacity to just believe God!

The audacity of faith to believe that my Father spoke the world into existence out of thin air!

“Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear” (Hebrews 11:3).

The audacity of faith to believe that my Father calls those things that “aren’t” as though they were!

“... Even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were” (Romans 4:17).

The audacity of faith to believe that my Father uses “nothing” to bring the things that “are” into “nothingness”!

“... God [hath] chosen ... the things which are not, to bring to nought things that are” (I Corinthians 1:28).

The audacity of faith to believe that what my Father has said about me is true!

The audacity of faith to believe that I am:

- ❖ “*accepted in the Beloved*” (Ephesians 1:6).
- ❖ “*the called according to His purpose*” (Romans 8:30).
- ❖ “*chosen in Him before the foundation of the world*” (Ephesians 1:4).
- ❖ “*complete in Him*” (Colossians 2:10).
- ❖ “*His workmanship*” (Ephesians 2:10).
- ❖ “*the righteousness of God in Him*” (II Corinthians 5:21).

The audacity of faith to believe that God:

- ❖ “*worketh all things after the counsel of His Own will*” (Ephesians 1:11).
- ❖ works in me “*both to will and to do of His good pleasure*” (Philippians 2:13).
- ❖ will perform His work in me “*until the day of Jesus Christ*” (Philippians 1:6).

The audacity of faith to believe that:

- ❖ The trial of my faith is “*much more precious than of gold*” (I Peter 1:7).
- ❖ My affliction works for me “*a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory*” (II Corinthians 4:17).
- ❖ “*That all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose*” (Romans 8:28).
- ❖ “*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me*” (Philippians 4:13).

In the context of Arthur P. Adams’ usage of *the audacity of faith*,

Oh that you and I, friend reader, may be among the few who shall possess that clearness of spiritual insight, and audacity of faith, that shall enable us to “*glory in tribulation,*” to “*take pleasure in infirmities,*” and to “*rejoice*” even, on account of those things that the world would reckon among the worst calamities.

“What! Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?” (Job 2:10).

He is equally the Creator of both, and both shall equally *“work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose”* (Romans 8: 28).

The audacity of such faith!

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