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## Faith Beyond the Familiar"

### Introduction:

Faith often grows within the boundaries of what we know, but true elevation in God requires us to step beyond the familiar and into the unknown. Familiarity can breed comfort, but comfort zones rarely produce the kind of faith that moves mountains. God is calling us to a higher level of trust—a faith that reaches beyond what we've seen, heard, or experienced. This sermon explores how God uses exposure to shift our faith from the familiar to the extraordinary.

### 1. Faith Anchored in Revelation, Not Routine

- Familiarity with routine can dull our spiritual sensitivity. God wants to take us beyond the repetitive and into the revelatory.
- **Scripture:** *Isaiah 43:19* — "Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth."
- **Key Thought:** Faith beyond the familiar requires being open to new ways God may choose to work in your life.

### 2. Faith That Expands Beyond Your Comfort Zone

- Faith grows when you leave the safety of what is known and trust God in unfamiliar places.
- **Example:** Peter walking on water (*Matthew 14:28-29*).
- **Key Thought:** Comfort zones can be cages. God calls us out of the boat to experience His power in uncharted waters.

### 3. Faith That Sees Through Kingdom Vision

- Familiarity limits vision. Exposure to God's promises and purposes gives us new perspective.
- **Example:** Abraham leaving his homeland (*Genesis 12:1*).
- **Key Thought:** To see through Kingdom vision, you must look beyond the limitations of your current surroundings.

### 4. Faith Refined Through Divine Encounters

- Familiarity can lead to stagnation, but encounters with God ignite fresh faith.
- **Example:** Moses encountering God in the burning bush (*Exodus 3:1-4*).
- **Key Thought:** God interrupts the familiar with divine moments to prepare you for a greater assignment.

## 5. Faith That Elevates Through Exposure

- Faith grows when we are exposed to greater possibilities. God's plan is to show you more to shift your perspective and increase your hope.
- **Example:** Elisha's servant seeing the heavenly army surrounding them (*2 Kings 6:17*).
- **Key Thought:** God is exposing you to what's possible so your faith can rise to a new level of expectation.