

Faith – Beyond the Edge of the Light Outline - Mike Baird

What is going beyond the edge of the Light

- Boyd K Packer – Edge of the Light
- See at the bottom of this outline
(<https://www.lds.org/ensign/2013/08/move-forward-in-faith?lang=eng>)

Ways of exercising Faith – Going beyond the light

- Follow the Spirit
- Trusting the Lord / Keeping the commandments

Following the Spirit – Nephi

- 1 Nephi 4:6
 - 1 Nephi 2:2-3
 - Lehi's example in leaving Jerusalem
- 1 Nephi 4:10
 - Lord required a "hard thing"
 - We never know what the Lord will require of us
 - Nephi stayed in tune
 - 1 Nephi 4:11, 18

Feeling the Spirit – Nephi

- How did Nephi know he was led by the Spirit?
 - 1 Nephi 2:16
 - Nephi had already been visited of the Lord
 - 1 Nephi 17:45
 - Explained it to Laman & Lemuel
 - Boyd K Packer
"We do not have the words (even the scriptures do not have words) which perfectly describe the Spirit. The scriptures usually use the word voice, which does not exactly fit. These delicate, refined spiritual communications are not seen with our eyes nor heard with our ears.... It is a voice that one **feels** more than one hears." (Watchman on the tower, Pg 279)

5 things or ways that we may have spiritual power in our lives

- Pure lives (obedience & repentance)
- Fasting, prayer, scripture study
- Keeping sacred covenants
- Sacrifice
- Service

Boyd K Packer: Beyond the edge of the Light

“Shortly after I was called as a General Authority, I went to Elder Harold B. Lee for counsel. He listened very carefully to my problem and suggested that I see President David O. McKay. President McKay counseled me as to the direction I should go. I was very willing to be obedient but saw no way possible for me to do as he counseled me to do.

“I returned to Elder Lee and told him that I saw no way to move in the direction I was counseled to go. He said, ‘The trouble with you is you want to see the end from the beginning.’ I replied that I would like to see at least a step or two ahead. Then came the lesson of a lifetime: ‘You must learn to walk to the edge of the light, and then a few steps into the darkness; then the light will appear and show the way before you.’ Then he quoted these 18 words from the Book of Mormon:

“Dispute not because ye see not, for ye receive no witness until after the trial of your faith” (Ether 12:6).

Boyd K Packer: Beyond the edge of the Light (long version)

“Some years ago I learned a lesson that I shall never forget.

“I had been called as an Assistant to the Council of the Twelve, and we were to move to Salt Lake City and find an adequate and permanent home. President Henry D. Moyle assigned someone to help us.

“A home was located that was ideally suited to our needs. Elder Harold B. Lee came and looked it over very carefully and then counseled, ‘By all means, you are to proceed.’”

“But there was no way we could proceed. I had just completed the course work on a doctor's degree and was writing the dissertation. With the support of my

wife and our eight children, all of the resources we could gather over the years had been spent on education.

“By borrowing on our insurance, gathering every resource, we could barely get into the house, without sufficient left to even make the first monthly payment.

Brother Lee insisted, ‘Go ahead. I know it is right.’

“I was in deep turmoil because I had been counseled to do something I had never done before—to sign a contract without having the resources to meet the payments.

“...I was still not at peace, and then came the lesson. Elder Lee said, ‘Do you know what is wrong with you—you always want to see the end from the beginning.’

“I replied quietly that I wanted to see at least a few steps ahead. He answered by quoting from the sixth verse of the twelfth chapter of Ether: ‘Wherefore, dispute not because ye see not, for ye receive no witness until after the trial of your faith.’

“And then he added, ‘My boy, you must learn to walk to the edge of the light, and perhaps a few steps into the darkness, and you will find that the light will appear and move ahead of you.’

“And so it has—but only as we walked to the edge of the light.

“...I am confident that as we move to the edge of the light, like the cloud that led the Israelites, or like the star that led the wise men, the light will move ahead of us and we can do this work.” (The Holy Temple, pp. 184-86)