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TAKING A LEAP OF FAITH

When we read both the Old and the New Testament, we can find example after example of God asking His servants to do some pretty preposterous things! He ordered Noah to build an ark in a region with no water in sight. He commanded Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt to the Promised Land, even though they were shackled in the chains of slavery. He instructed Joshua to march around the walled City of Jericho with his troops, guaranteeing that the walls would come crashing down if His instructions were followed to the letter. He revealed to the Virgin Mary that she would give birth to the Saviour, even though she had no earthly husband. We can only imagine what went through the minds of these saintly individual at the time of their encounter with the Lord. We do, however know with certainty what their ultimate response was: **THEY OBEYED**, Whatever doubts they may have had, they were still willing to take that “leap of faith” and put their total trust in God.

In our own life, there will be times when we will be called upon to show the strength of our faith. Perhaps we will not be asked to do something as dramatic as Noah, Moses, Joshua, and the Theotokos were. Nonetheless, the time will come when our faith we be tested – and God’s tests are never easy. But rest assured that God’s blessing are bestowed in abundance upon those who remain loyal to Him and are obedient to His commands. We must never be afraid to take a “ leap of faith.” The strong hand of the Lord is always there to catch us.