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RICKY LEONARD MINISTRIES NEWSLETTER

FANNING THE FLAMES

GOD WANTS YOU TO KNOW HIM

*God wants to know you and talk with you. He wants you to have his peace. But **all have sinned** and come short of God. This is how **God demonstrated that he loved us**: he sent Jesus to pay the price for us. Why did Jesus have to die for our sin? Because **the wages of sin is death**. Jesus died the death penalty instead of us. What do you have to do? Make Jesus Lord of your life and believe that he died on the cross and **was raised from the dead for you**; Then say with your mouth you believe! Pray: "I believe in Jesus. Take my life and do something with it." That's it!*

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Mary & Sarah street witnessing in Calais, 2019

Faith that Grows by Sarah Leonard Rackley

Did you know that your faith can grow? If your faith is small, it can grow big! If your faith is weak, it can grow strong! You can go from wavering to never yielding! I hope you see these three analogies from the bible about growing faith through the eyes of the spirit and apply them to your life. Jesus said, have the faith of God (Mark 11:22). What kind of faith does God have? It's big! Even if we start out with small faith it can grow to be big like God's faith.

Jesus spoke about faith like a little mustard seed in Mark 4:30-32. The seed is about 1 mm in size but when it grows it becomes a 20-30 foot tree with a large trunk and spreading branches. Jesus taught that our faith is like this tree! How do we get our faith to grow? When a seed is planted into good soil, watered regularly, and given regular care it will grow. In the same way, the

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faith is planted in our hearts like a seed. Our soil is made good when we receive a thing by faith with a willing and humble heart. We water it with the word of God (Eph 5:26).

The Bible compares Abraham's faith to physical strength in Romans 4:19 when it says he was "not weak and faith." We can exercise our weak faith muscles. What does faith-exercise look like? People can use resistance to build body muscles. As someone is training, more resistance is added over time. As the muscles grow, they can handle and push back against the stronger resistance. In other words, anytime you face resistance in your spiritual walk and you push back against it with your faith, that is what builds spiritual faith muscles.

The apostle Paul spoke of being a soldier standing his ground, holding up his shield and sword, and wearing all of his armor in Ephesians chapter 6. He advises the believer facing adversity to stand firm. What should one who has stood firm do when the onslaught of the enemy keeps coming? Keep on standing. Every time worry, anxiety, or fear start to creep up resist those feelings and thoughts. Stand your firm ground with your sword of shield like a good soldier. Eventually the attack will stop and you will have gained territory!

When the pressures and storms of life come, let your roots go down deep like a seed planted in good soil. Every time you push in resistance, every fight that you make, allows patience and perseverance to have its perfect work in you so that you may be perfect and complete lacking nothing (James 1:4). Continue to stand with God and have God's faith. You'll see a change in your heart as your confidence and faith grows and you become strong.

Now, it's time to start gardening: plant your seed let it grow strong for the area of faith that you need by watering it with the Word of God. Go to the gym and exercise that new muscle that you haven't been exercising. Stand firm against all the attacks of the enemy taking territory for the kingdom, and let this be your year of accelerated growth!

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RLM Events & Updates

JUNE 20-22, 2025

Calais, France: We are going on a mission trip! June 20-22, Mary is going with our friends of Soni Restoration Ministries to Calais. This is a second trip for us, as we went there to pray and street evangelize in 2019.

SRM is hosting Festival of Life, Calais. There will be gospel singers and musicians from all over Europe and other parts of the world performing while others like Mary go out and preach Jesus to the people on the streets.

Calais is a city of about 300K people in the north-western corner of France, located on the coast of the straight that separates France and England. In this medium sized city, there are no churches and very few Christians. That is why they so desperately need the gospel. Help us bring Jesus back to France!

OCTOBER 9-11, 2025

Mark your calendars and make your travel plans! Our annual Mission Conference is going to be AWESOME!

The Ricky Leonard Mission Conference

Wilmington, NC

We want to train up and send out soul winners to every neighborhood, city, and nation. ***If you want to learn how to share Jesus***, this is the place for you!

Our goal is to **train soul winners**, **unify churches** around evangelism, and **encourage missionaries** and ministers.

MONTHLY UPDATES

Mary and Sarah have made it a priority to update our podcast, youtube, and social media more regularly in 2025. You can check out our latest episodes of our podcast **"Becoming the Victorious Church,"** anwhere that you usually listen, or find the link on our website. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Youtube!