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How Does Faith Feel?

Phil. 1:1,2 ff.

Intro. 1. Faith - all faculties - mind, heart, strength open to God.

2. How does faith feel?
3. Banner in office - Wisdom to feel the heart.
4. New attention to heart.
   a. Mid '60's - Kingdom located in institute.
   b. 70's - In heart.
      West Tex. experience.
   c. Journey inward.
   d. No quest. - at times, swept up.
5. But what of times when don't feel anything?
6. May seem strange, our faith so identified with feeling.

I Should we go ahead & say, do, give when feel nothing?

1. Facile as hypocrisy.
   Eyes, heart; hand, heart agree.
2. Nothing right of motive wrong.
   Bladden, Eliot, Jesus.
   So all of us instructed - Within → without.
3. Imagine surprise at Paul - Phil. 1.
4. Made bold by him to suggest an answer.

II Should we — yes.

1. Obligation basic to every other area of life.
2. Convinced it has place in Chr. faith.
   a. How far into decent day. Ser. ached every a.m. — Moving today?
   b. Act then feel, not vice versa.

   (God + Paul - Not fun.)

3. It is way we grow.
   a. Before the new.
   b. Transforming the routine.
   c. Before the difficult.
   d. Before the demanding. Money, then heart.
4. It is way we achieve.
   Never know what can do till have to.
5. Do what faith dictates - God give feeling.

Grateful called to way of life larger than way I feel about it any given day.