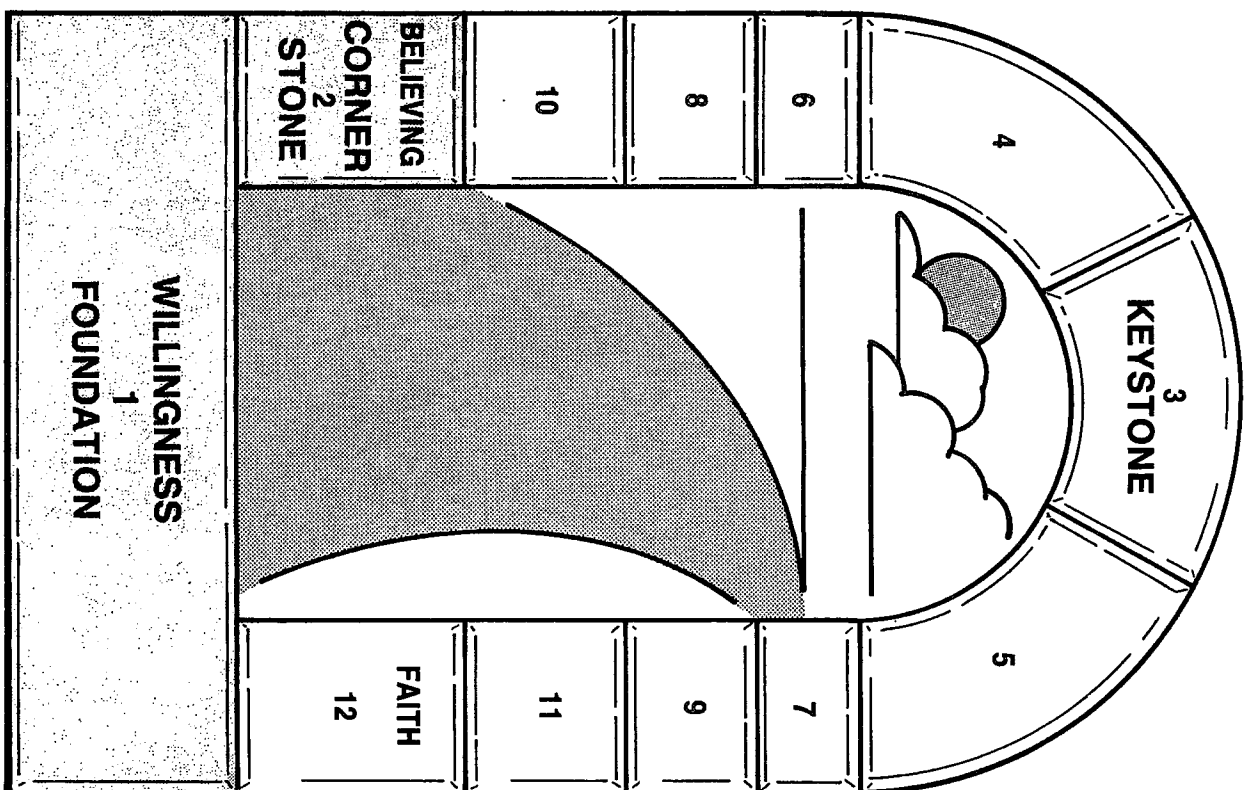


So now when people ask me about something—"How is that going to work out?"—I think, "FI knew how it was going to work out, I would be God, but it isn't anything compared to the things I've already seen work out." Some of the things we have done can't be done! The trick is to keep showing up, keep being responsible, and keep doing what you're supposed to do.

It's like that story about the little woodpecker who was pecking on this great big old oak tree when lightning struck it and knocked it flat to the ground. All the other woodpeckers flew up to him and asked, "How in the world did you do that?" He said, "Well, I showed up where I was supposed to be and did what I was supposed to do, and God did the rest." I've felt like that little woodpecker a lot of times.

I also like the story of David the little shepherd boy and the giant Goliath. They asked David how he was planning to take on the giant. They pointed out to David that Goliath had armor, swords, spears, and all manner of weapons, and that David only had some stones and a slingshot—and that Goliath was so big and David was so little. David told them a story. He said, "When I was tending my sheep in the field, a lion came among my flock." David said (and this is what I consider to be the key), "I went out and God delivered him unto me." Then he said, "I will go down into the valley and He will deliver Goliath unto me!" The important thing here, I think, is that David is *not trying to control outcomes*. He knows all he has to do is *do his part*. He doesn't have to wait until he figures out how God is going to do His part; he just has to go ahead and go where he is supposed to go and do what he is supposed to do, and leave the outcome to God. The secret here is in David's faith—"I will go out!"

This is all we're talking about when we ask for God's directions in our lives and the power to carry them out. We want the ability, the faith, to say "I will go out" and face life without knowing what the results will be. We need the courage to go out and do what we can, as far as we can see that day, and let go of the outcomes. We can have this for the asking!



"...the arch through which we passed to freedom."