



# DOORS

IN THE LIFE OF FAITH

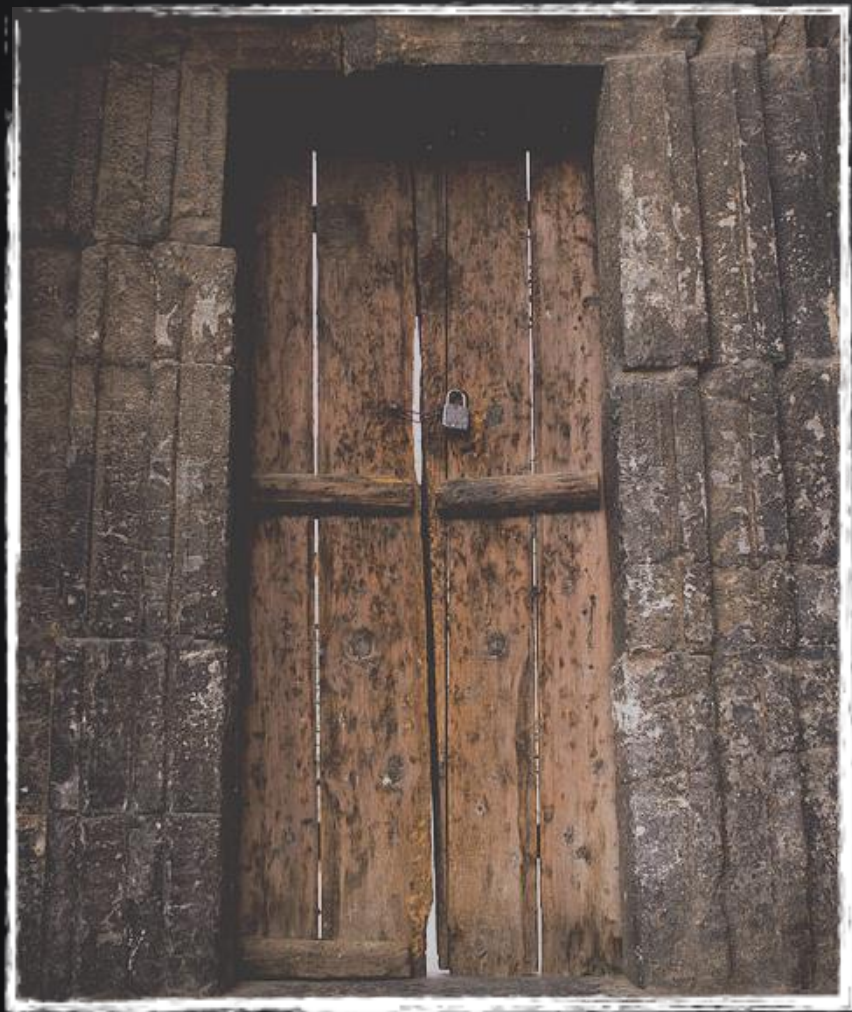
The image depicts a grand, golden interior, likely a temple or palace. The architecture is highly ornate, featuring a central staircase leading up to a large, multi-paned window or door. The walls are decorated with intricate carvings, including palm trees and winged figures. Several large, ornate candelabras with lit candles are positioned throughout the room. The overall atmosphere is one of holiness and grandeur.

**!!! WARNING !!!**  
**Holiness ahead.**

*“Let us then with confidence draw near  
to the throne of grace, that we may  
receive mercy and find grace to help in  
time of need.” (Hebrews 4:16)*

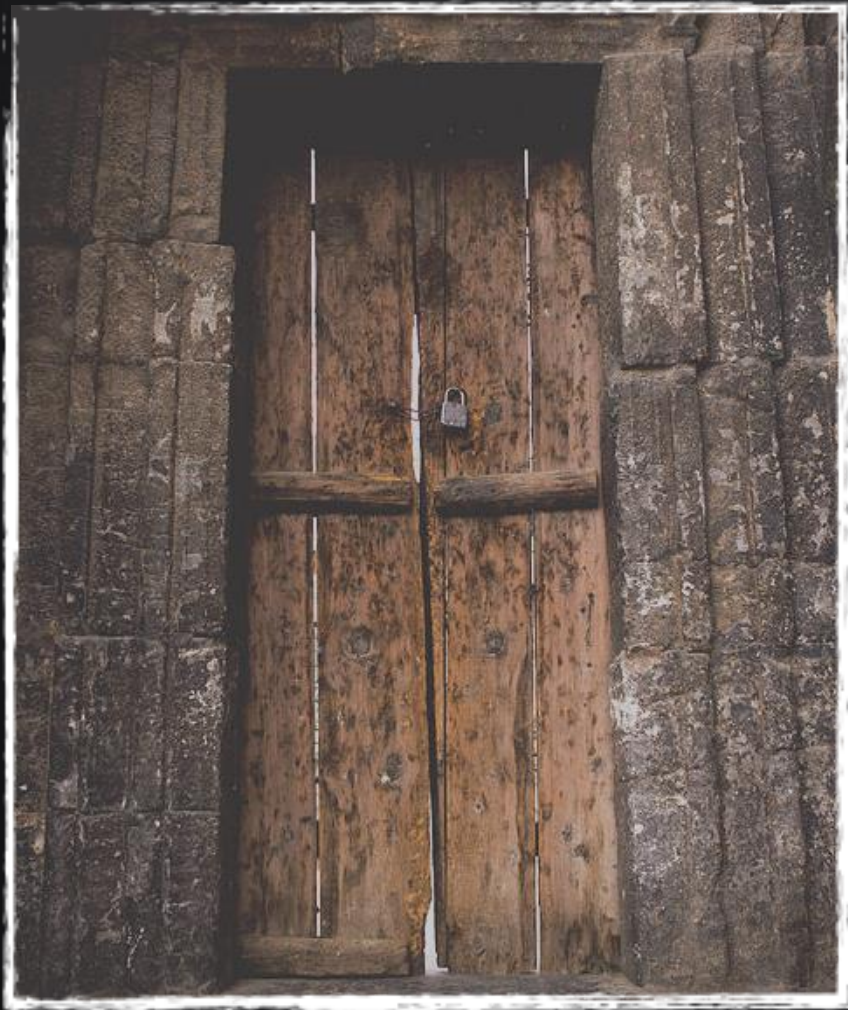
*“Ask and it will be given to you. Seek and you will find. Knock and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened... If you, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!”*

*(Matthew 7:7-8, 11)*



*“When you pray, go  
into your room and  
shut the door and  
pray to your Father  
who is in secret.”*

*(Matthew 6:6)*



**What does it mean  
for us to have a life  
with God behind  
closed doors?**

## Matthew 6:1-2

1 “Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. 2 Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.”

## Matthew 6:3-4

3 “But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”



## Matthew 6:5-6

5 “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 6 But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”

## Matthew 6:16-18

16 “And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 17 But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, 18 that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”



Hypocrites



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*“In the same way, let your light shine  
before others, so that they may see your  
good works and give glory to your  
Father who is in heaven.”*

**(Matthew 5:16)**

Shine your light before others so  
God may get the glory, but live your  
life of faith in secret for your Father's  
eyes only, laboring for His reward  
alone.

Jesus seeks friends and disciples  
who lovingly abide, not influencers  
and performers who dramatically  
display.

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What would it look like for you to  
have a relationship with God behind  
closed doors?

# A Life With God Behind Closed Doors

Step # 1 - Find your and God's secret place.

*“But Jesus would withdraw to desolate places and pray.” (Luke 5:16)*

*“And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray.” (Matthew 14:23)*

*“And Jesus said to them, ‘Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.’” (Mark 6:31)*

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Step # 1 - Find your and God's secret place.

Step # 2 - Shut the door.

“All of humanity's problems stem from man's inability to sit quietly in a room alone.” (Blaise Pascal)

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Step # 4 - Forsake the stage and the applause of men.

*“I do not receive glory from people... How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?” (John 5:41, 44)*

*“And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”*

**(Hebrews 11:6)**

# A Life With God Behind Closed Doors

Step # 5 - Choose to cherish God and His affirmation above all else.

*“And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” (John 17:3)*