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Religious Liberty

A pastor stood on a ledge with a long drop before him. This group of Houston pastors had gone on a team-building exercise as part of a faith- building experience.

They helped each other through obstacle courses and challenges to accomplish tasks they could not have done alone. They called the final challenge “the step of faith.” The pastor was hooked to a harness. Then he would step forward and drop 50 feet to the ground.

The coach reminded him, “We are here for you. We’ve got you. Just believe and take the step of faith.”

After a moment of silent prayer, the pastor stepped forward. The seconds felt like an eternity as he dropped into what seemed an endless descent. Then the tension on the line increased, and at last his descent decreased in speed. When he landed, the pastor dropped to his knees and thanked the Lord.

All the pastors learned how teamwork could bring a group together to achieve a common goal. Each individual, when they gave their best, enhanced the entire team’s abilities to complete their mission. The exercise reminded them how faith in God helped the team triumph in what seemed impossible.

When talking to the disciples, Christ gave them a message. “And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.” Mark 11:22

Today, let us give God our best in our offerings so that together we can achieve the common goal to expand the indispensable work in defending religious liberty across the North American Division.