



40 Days of FAITH



Faith When The Odds Are Against You

MAIN THING

Faith removes the need for Security.

SCRIPTURE

Joshua 5:13-6:21, 1 Corinthians 1:22-31

ICEBREAKER

Have you ever accomplished something, that, when you first faced it, seemed insurmountable? How did you overcome it?

OPENING THOUGHT

When we have something before us that is so big that we don't see how it can happen, how do we react? Do we shrink back? Do we face it head on? When God calls us, he typically doesn't call us to something we can accomplish on our own, and that can be terrifying. But that's exactly how He likes it. He wants us to depend on Him, and it's when the odds are against us, that we find out where our faith stands.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. Read Joshua 5:13-6:21. In the story of Joshua and the Battle of Jericho, we find that the army of the Israelites were to lay siege on Jericho, but the city was easily the most fortified city of its time. What did God instruct him to do? What was Joshua's response? Have you been called by God to do something, then buckled under the pressure? Have you responded like Joshua did?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 1: 22-31. One of the reasons that God uses us to do His will is for the simple fact that He is glorified in it. What does this Scripture say about that? Should we see that as discouragement or as encouragement? Does this give us more or less confidence when God asks us to do the hard things?

LIFE APPLICATION

Many times, we tend to shy away from challenges....especially the ones that seem impossible. It seems pretty obvious in scripture that God rarely asks us to do things that we can accomplish in our own power. Sometimes, the biggest step is the first one. If God has been pushing you toward ministry, don't push back. Be willing to step out in faith and go!

CHALLENGE

Ask God this week to challenge you beyond what you think you can handle. How crazy is that? Insane, maybe, or is it exactly what we need to do? So many times, God is laying out there for us, but we think he can't possibly be talking to us. Chances are, He is! This week, listen and go.