



40 Days of FAITH



Faith When The Path Doesn't Make Sense

MAIN THING

The Christian Without Trust is a Christian Without Faith.

SCRIPTURE

John 9:1-11, Matthew 14:13-21, Psalm 37:1-9

ICEBREAKER

When was the last time someone asked you to do something that made no sense? How did you respond? Did you follow through? What was the outcome?

OPENING THOUGHT

We have no problem following someone when we agree with everything they are doing. But what happens when they require that you do something that makes no sense? What happens when the solution, you think is right, ends up being the exact opposite, or not even close to the right answer? Many times, that's how God's wisdom feels to us. We think we know better, and we can't understand why He doesn't get it! Faith in God means trusting in God, even when we don't understand why.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. In John 9:1-11, we read the story of a blind man who had been blind since birth. To heal him, what did Christ do? Did it make any sense? Do you think the blind man might've been a touch confused by this? What was the outcome? Did he trust or think Jesus was a crazy person? Have you ever felt God calling you to solve a problem in a way that just felt "weird"? How did you respond? Did you trust?
3. Read Matthew 14:13-21. Many times, God likes to take what little we have and give us abundance. How was that at work here? Do you wonder what the Disciples were thinking at Christ's request? What was the outcome? Was there abundance? Do you see what little you have as minimal or even useless when it comes to serving God? Faith in God means trusting that He can take anything He wishes and do something amazing with it.

LIFE APPLICATION

God simply sees more than we see. He knows more than we know. In Psalm 37:1-9, we see that we have an inheritance, but we have to trust God to get us there. You may be asked to do something extreme, or even extremely weird, at God's request. If, in the past, you've said no. It's time to change that. Be open to God's calling in any and all circumstances. Many times, we use God as a crutch to keep us from serving by saying we need to pray that it's His Will. Maybe God is using others to show you opportunities to DO His Will, and you're denying it. When opportunities arrive to serve, and you're capable.....DO IT!

CHALLENGE

How is God using your group to serve the whole of the church? Are you helping fund mission trips? Are you serving as a team within the church's ministries? Are you supporting the local community in the name of Christ? Take some time, and ask the question, "What are we doing besides just meeting weekly?" As I've said many times, Community Groups aren't just Bible studies. They are meant to be an extension of the church community at large, doing life together and serving Christ together.