2023



SMALL FOXES OF LACK OF FAITH

SMALL FOXES SERIES

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



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Song of Songs 2:15 NIV - Catch for us the foxes, the little foxes that ruin the vineyards, our vineyards that are in bloom.

The little fox we want to address today is faith. There is absolutely nothing too hard for God. Can you be a follower of Christ and still not have faith? We know that there is no failure in God. If something is failing short you must take ownership. You can hang around Jesus and still not believe. We are going to introduce you to someone that was with Jesus, but when pressure came it erased his memory bank. You cannot allow your present situation to erase your history of what God has done for you.

Jeremiah 32:27 KJV - Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me?

- God is not short on anything.
- Before you ask the question he already has the answer.

Whatever your present challenges are, do you believe God can change it for you?

THIS WILL BE A RECORD BREAKING YEAR

LACK OF FAITH

John 20:24-29 NIV - [24] Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. [25] So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "<u>Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger</u> where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." [26] A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" [27] Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. **Stop** doubting and believe." [28] Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" [29] Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and <u>yet have believed.</u>"

- We are going to get everything God has for us
- God comes just for you and has put too much in you to let you lose
- God is going to prove to you nothing can stop him from doing what is promised
- God will give you some faith, buy you must grow it
- Stop doubting God and believe
- Faith is your currency

What has God put in you? Does your faith match the manifestation of the promise?

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Hebrews 11:6 NIV - <u>And without faith it is impossible to please God</u>, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

- It is up to you to strengthen your faith
- Your reward lies in your faith

How are you activating your faith?

Romans 12:3c KJV - According as God <u>hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.</u>

- You have a measure of faith that you have to grow
- God puts different things in front of you to increase your faith
- Your faith activates the promises of God

How has your faith grown as a result of what you have seen God do? What has God shown you to let you know that He is real?

THINGS THEY HAD SEEN

JESUS WALKS ON WATER

Matthew 14:26 NIV - When the <u>disciples saw him walking on the lake</u>, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

- God has allowed you to see the impossible made possible
- Everyone cannot see what you saw
- God is showing you miracles to increase your faith
- → REBUKED THE WIND (Mark 4:39)
- → HEALED NUMEROUS BODIES (Matthew 4:23-25, 9:20-21, Mark 2:9-12, Luke 17:12-16)
- → OPENED THE BLINDED EYES (Matthew 9:30-31,Luke 18:35-43)
- → THREE SAW HIM RAISE JARIUS' DAUGHTER (Mark 5:39-43)
- → ALL TWELVE SAW HIM RAISE LAZARUS (John 11:43)

What have you seen to let you know God is real? What impossible situation in your life has God flipped?

THINGS THEY HAD DONE

- → FED THE 5000
- → Gave them POWER...

Matthew 10:1 NIV - Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and **gave them authority** to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.



- Received power from God to do whatever they need to do
- You saw it and you did it
- God used you for the upbuilding of your faith
- You survived the warfare

What happened in your life that you had to rely heavily on your faith to overcome?

THINGS THEY HAD HEARD

Matthew 17:22-23 NIV - [22] When they came together in Galilee, he said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. [23] They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to life." And the disciples were filled with grief.

- God has given you clear instructions on your next
- God has given you a promise

What have you heard that God allowed you to see?

YOU HAVE <u>SEEN!</u> YOU HAVE <u>DONE!</u> YOU HAVE <u>HEARD!</u>

DO YOU BELIEVE?

Numbers 14:11 NIV - The Lord said to Moses, "How long will these people treat me with contempt? How long will they refuse to believe in me, in spite of all the signs I have performed among them?

- Don't allow your present situation to erase your memory bank and decrease your faith
- You are too close to give up now
- 2024 will be your year of takeoff

How has lack of faith hindered you? How can the signs God performed increase your belief? What are you believing God to do for you in 2024?

TESTIMONY OF A FAITH WALKER (Jemal King's testimony)

- Your level of exposure will determine your success
- Your vision will show you something different from your reality

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- You have to visit the vision before the vision visits you
- Calculate how much your vision will cost you
- Where you are now is not where you are always going to be
- Once you understand who you are, you can move full force ahead
- Prepare a place for what you are asking God for
- Don't allow people to stop you from pushing forward

What vision has God given? How are you using your faith to fuel that vision?

Luke 10:23-24 NIV - [23] Then he turned to his disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. [24] For I tell you that many prophets and kings <u>wanted to see</u> what you see but did not see it, and to <u>hear what you hear</u> but did not hear it."

- The Lord will leave you without any excuse
- Your faith had to be increased because your faith is your currency
- You cannot do this without God
- You cannot credit someone else for what God has done

How do you believe what God has shown you even though the reality of it has not manifested yet?

Jeremiah 32:17 NIV - "Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.

QUESTION

What are some ways you can destroy the small foxes that try to eat at your faith?

DECLARATION

I've seen it, I did it, I heard it, and I BELIEVE GOD!!!!!!

PRAYER

Lord, forgive me for my lack of faith. I repent for dishonoring you by forgetting the great and mighty things You have already done. You have allowed me to see, do, and hear the mighty works of Your hands. You have given me a measure of faith to grow and strengthen. I will actively work my faith in all things that I do. I will hold on to my faith until I see the manifestation of Your promises. You got me God and I shall get everything You have for me, in Jesus' name, Amen!

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