

Sermon Discussion Guide for Cumberland Fellowship Church Sermon Series: "Your Moment", Week 6 – September 7, 2025 Four Faithful Moments That Changed History

Opening Prayer: Ask God to speak through His Word and help you identify your own "moment" of faith.

Character Study 1: Mary - Faith That Births Purpose - Key Scripture: Luke 1:28-38

Big Idea: Mary's moment of faith birthed a Savior

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Personal Reflection: Mary was described as "highly favored" by God. What qualities made her suitable for such a monumental calling? How might God be preparing you for something significant?
- 2. Overcoming Fear: Mary was "greatly troubled" initially but chose obedience despite not fully understanding. Think about a time when God asked you to step forward in faith without complete understanding.
- 3. Costly Obedience: Mary's "yes" to God risked her reputation, relationships, and even her life (potential stoning). What is God asking you to say "yes" to that might require personal sacrifice?

Key Takeaway: Mary said yes to God's plan despite the potential cost. What do you need to say yes to?

Character Study 2: Peter - Faith That Launches Movement - Key Scripture: Acts 2 (Peter's sermon that birthed the church) Big Idea: Peter's moment of faith launched the church

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Fear vs. Faith: After Jesus' crucifixion, the disciples lived in fear. Peter had to choose between continued fear or bold faith. What fears are currently holding you back from stepping into God's calling?
- 2. Second Chances: The sermon emphasizes that "God still believes in you" despite past failures. How does this truth change your perspective on your current opportunities to serve God?
- 3. Impact Consideration: Peter's faith led 3,000 people to Christ in one day. How might your faithful obedience create a ripple effect in your community?

Key Takeaway: Peter didn't allow his past failures to control his future steps of faith. How can you embrace this same mindset?

Character Study 3: Stephen - Faith That Faces Opposition - Key Scripture: Acts 7:54-60 Big Idea: Stephen's moment of faith caused the disciples to leave Jerusalem Discussion Questions:

- 1. Boldness Under Pressure: Stephen's face shone "like an angel" while on trial, and he preached boldly even facing death. How can you maintain faith and boldness when facing opposition or criticism?
- 2. Eternal Perspective: Stephen saw Jesus standing (not sitting) at the right hand of God. How does having an eternal perspective change how you handle earthly struggles?
- 3. Forgiveness in Crisis: Stephen's final words were asking God not to hold sin against his murderers. How does this challenge your approach to forgiving those who hurt you?

Key Takeaway: Stephen cared more about people's salvation than his own safety. What would change in your life if you adopted this same priority?

Character Study 4: Paul - Faith That Goes Global - Key Scripture: Acts 9; Acts 13 Big Idea: Paul's moment of faith spread the gospel globally Discussion Questions:

- 1. Career Sacrifice: Paul walked away from a successful career to follow God's call. What might God be asking you to lay down or change to follow His purposes?
- 2. Witnessing Impact: Paul was present at Stephen's stoning and was impacted by Stephen's faith and forgiveness. Who in your life has demonstrated faith in a way that influenced you? How can you be that influence for others?
- 3. Global Thinking: Paul's ministry spread Christianity throughout the Roman Empire. How can you think more globally about your faith impact, even in your local context?

Key Takeaway: Paul's moment of faith created a global movement. What movement might God want to start through your obedience?

Application: The sermon ends by asking, "What's your moment, Church?" Based on today's discussion, what do you sense God might be calling you to do or change? Just as Mary birthed a Savior, Peter launched the church, Stephen scattered the believers, and Paul spread the gospel globally, God wants to use your moment of faith for His eternal purposes. Don't underestimate what God can do through one person's "yes." Pray specifically about what your "moment" might be

Closing Scripture: "For no word from God will ever fail." - Luke 1:37

Additional Resources for Further Study:

Read the full accounts: Luke 1:26-56 (Mary), Acts 2:14-41 (Peter), Acts 6:8-8:1 (Stephen), Acts 9:1-31 (Paul's conversion)







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