

## Talk 7: A People of Faith

### Overview

On Sunday, we looked at the final characteristic of our second value, which is that we are called to be a people of faith. We live in an age where the materialistic and rational thinking of culture has hugely impacted the faith levels of the Church. What we see and how we feel have become shapers to our faith, rather than the God we know and the promises he has spoken. The People of God are a people of faith; that's what the scriptures declare, from Noah building the Ark because of God's calling despite no hint of rain, to David defeating the giant Goliath with just a sling and some stones, to the Early Church refusing to stop declaring the good news of Jesus despite the threat of punishment: God's people have lived out this calling to be a people of faith. This call is still true for us today. When you are born again, your default position is no longer one of unbelief but of faith. God calls us to take his word seriously, trust his promises and believe him for Breakthrough. Faith is the gift that allows us to see this value come into reality.

### Scripture

Matthew 17:14-20

### Questions

1. What can we learn from Verses 14-16 about faith? (Looking at the Father and his words to Jesus and the Disciples inability to heal)
2. Why do you think Jesus responds as he does in Verse 17? How does that personally provoke you and your faith?
3. What does verse 18 communicate to you about the power and might of Christ?
4. What do you think Jesus is trying to teach us when he tells the disciples they couldn't heal because of their little faith (verse 19) and then tells them faith like a grain of mustard seed can move mountains (verse 20)
5. What limitations do you add to Jesus' words in verse 20 and why? How can we grow at being those that grow in faith?