
WHAT FAITH LOOKS LIKE

The Story

Genesis 22:1-19

Sermon Notes

1. Faith is measured by our obedience, not our belief system.
 - John 14:15, John 1:12, John 3:16, 1 John 2:3, James 2:14-24

2. You have enough faith to obey God.
 - Luke 17:3-6,

3. Faith is about big obedience, not big risk.
 - Proverbs 19:3

4. If you think God wants you to do something check it three ways:
 1. Holy Spirit
 - Philippians 2:13

 2. The Bible

 3. Wise, Godly Counsel
 - Proverbs 12:15

5. Faith doesn't make your life easy, but it does make it great.

My Story

1. Looking back over your notes, what did you find most helpful, challenging, or interesting in this week's teaching? Was there anything you've never heard before or something that made you think differently?

2. Have you practiced faith? Have you obeyed God in a time when it would've been easier or even more logical to do something else?

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3. What do you think about Chris' definition of faith? Faith = Trusting God enough to do what He says.
4. What are some beliefs that make up your faith?
5. What beliefs do you hold that are hard for you to then act on?
6. What beliefs do you hold that are easier or more natural for you to act on?
7. Has God asked you to take a risk that didn't make sense before? Did you take the risk? If so, what happened?
8. Are there specific areas in your life where you don't have enough faith? How does it help you to know that God says you have enough faith to obey?
9. How does the word obedience sit with you? Does it make you uncomfortable, or are you okay with the idea that God wants obedience?
10. Chris said, "Faith doesn't make your life easy, but it does make it great." Looking back on your life, can you see the truth in this?
11. Have you ever believed that if you follow Jesus, everything will be better? How have you seen this played out in life?

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Digging Deeper

Read through these guiding scriptures and answer the corresponding questions.

Read John 1:12 and John 3:16

1. Even though God created each person, why is it not true that everyone is God's child?

2. Who are God's children?

Read 1 John 2:3

1. What is evidence that you, or anyone, knows God?

2. Remember, Chris pointed out that we will not do this perfectly. Even though we won't do this perfectly, why is it important to strive to do it?

Read Ephesians 2:8-9

1. Considering what Chris shared in his sermon, how would you explain this scripture to someone who had never heard this message?

Read Hebrews 11

1. What lessons can we learn from the faith of those who have come before?

2. We may not see the answers we expect in our obedience until heaven. How does that make you feel?

Read James 2:21-24

1. What account does John reference here?

2. What does this say about the value of reading, learning, and understanding the Old Testament?

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3. How does this connect to Jesus?
4. How is this significant to how you live your life today?

Bringing It Home

1. Do you look to the Bible to help guide you through life? What do you find challenging about reading the Bible?
2. Forgiveness is part of our obedience to following God, and Jesus seems to say there is almost no limit to forgiveness.
 - Is this a new idea for you?
 - What is your initial response to this? How has this impacted your life in the past? How does this affect your life today?
3. Have you ever experienced a prompting from the Holy Spirit? If so, what happened? Do you find it hard to believe that God would communicate with you by his Spirit? If so, why?
4. Is there something you're considering now that you're not sure about? Will you 'check it three ways?'
 - Seek to hear from the Holy Spirit
 - Read Psalm 46:10
 - What can you do to position yourself to hear from the Holy Spirit?
5. Do you have wise, godly counsel in your life? If not, begin to pray for someone in your life to be this person (or for a few people).