THE COUNSELOR—2 DO YOU BELIEVE I CAN DO THIS?

Week 1: Why Are You So Afraid?

Week 2: Do You Believe I Can Do This?

Week 3: Do You Want to Be Well?

Week 4: Why Do You Doubt?

As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, <u>calling out</u>, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" ²⁸ When [Jesus] had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "<u>Do you believe that I am able to do this</u>?" "Yes, Lord," they replied. ²⁹ Then he touched their eyes and said, "<u>According to your faith</u> let it be done to you"; ³⁰ and their sight was restored... Matthew 9:27-30

WHAT KIND OF FAITH HONORS GOD?

1) FAITH THAT BELIEVES WHEN IT DOESN'T SEE.

Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see. Hebrews 11:1 NLT

When [Jesus] had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "<u>Do you believe that I am able to do this</u>?" "<u>Yes, Lord</u>," they replied. Matthew 9:28

2) FAITH THAT PERSISTS WHEN NOTHING CHANGES.

Be persistent in prayer, and keep alert as you pray, giving thanks to God. Colossians 4:2 GNT

3) FAITH THAT <u>WORKS</u> WHEN IT DOESN'T MAKE <u>SENSE</u>.

You see that [Abraham's] faith and his actions were <u>working together</u>, and <u>his faith was made</u> complete by what he did. James 2:22

Satan, who is the god of this world, has <u>blinded the minds of those who don't believe</u>. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ... 2 Corinthians 4:4 NLT

TALK IT OVER

- What does the size of your requests to God reveal about the strength of your faith in Him?
- Share a time when you put faith in God to do something big. How did He respond and what did you learn?
- What will you do this week to move away from what's familiar and toward a blind faith that honors God?