

## **DARING FAITH**

Ryland Walter | February 4-5, 2023

Week 0: What Happens When You Have Faith

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### **Why are we doing this?**

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### **What is Faith?**

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## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU HAVE FAITH

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### REVIEW IT

Faith is like a diamond. It's multifaceted. There are many ways to look at faith. Ultimately, faith is seeing from God's perspective. There is always more than one way of looking at something, and when you choose to see your life and the world around you from God's perspective, with eyes of faith...

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### TALK ABOUT IT

1. Faith is not desire, a con, believing something is true that's not true, or a feeling. What are some other misconceptions about faith?
2. Faith is seeing life from God's perspective. Why is the way God sees things more important than the way we see them? *"I pray that the eyes of your heart will be flooded with light so that you can see the wonderful future God has promised to those he called."* Ephesians 1:18
3. Was there a time in your life that God opened your eyes to see something from his point of view?
4. Share how God has moved mountains in your life. Not mountains of dirt and rock, but maybe mountains of addiction, bitterness, hopelessness, etc. Or, name current mountains in your life you want God to move.

### ACT ON IT

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### PRAY ABOUT IT

*Dear Father, help us see our lives and challenges from your point of view – through eyes of faith instead of eyes of fear. Holy Spirit, open the eyes to our hearts so we can see your God-given visions for us. Jesus, increase in us the kind of faith that moves mountains in tough times, produces miracles, and turns God-given dreams into realities.*