

Walk This Way - Part 13

Walk by Faith

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:7; Luke 22:31-32

We see how important faith is to Jesus in the story of Peter denying Him 3 times. Jesus tells Peter that Satan wants to sift him - to attack and leave him as worthless chaff, but Jesus prays that Peter's faith will not fail. Jesus knew that the real issue with all of us is faith.

Respond: Why do you think Jesus prayed for Peter's faith instead of something else like wisdom, protection, great friends, to bind the devil, etc.?

Read: Mark 9:24

You will experience seasons of strength and weakness when you walk by faith. There are plenty of biblical examples of this:

- Elijah calls down fire then runs from Jezebel.
- Abraham believed that he would be the father of nations but took matters into his own hands.
- Thomas left everything to follow Jesus and doubted Jesus when he appeared after the resurrection.

Respond: What can help us when our faith seems weak? How can you strengthen your faith?

Read: Romans 12:3; Hebrews 11:1,6

God has given everyone the capacity to believe. You have been given a measure of faith, but what is faith? Faith breaks down into two parts:

1. Faith is knowledge: knowing that you know.
2. Faith is reliance: it is a knowledge that is acted upon and made personal.

Respond: What does it mean that God has given you a measure of faith?

Read: Matthew 17:20, James 2:26

A little faith goes a long way. It is not the bigness of your faith that is important, it is the bigness of your God.

- Peter acted on his faith, got out of the boat and walked on water (even if only for a little while).
- David picked up 5 stones to kill Goliath instead of 1, but he acted on his faith and killed Goliath.

Respond: Have you experienced God move through "mustard seed faith"?

Summary

Jesus knew how important our faith is to our walk with God. He has given us all the capacity we need for faith, even when we feel weak. With our perfect, all-powerful God, "mustard seed faith" makes all the difference in the world. Start telling your mountains how big your God is!

Prayer

Make time to pray for one another before you dismiss your group.