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Stepping Out On Faith

To live boldly means that we are willing to step out in faith to try new things in order to pursue our God-given dreams and passions. It means that we do these things without letting the fear of doubt overshadow our faith. The Word of God is filled with stories of people who stepped out in faith even when it was hard, even when they didn't feel good. What is your go to bible story about faith? Is there a person in the bible that you study specifically to strengthen you faith? Take a few minutes to think about this and share when you are ready!

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When it comes to stepping out on faith, whether that is dealing with a career change, relationship, or any big move God calls us to totally trust Him. Having faith in God is knowing that He is always in control, He is always working for our good and that He loves us unconditionally. Faith is knowing that the enemy will try to attack you but also knowing that God is stronger, higher and greater than any plot of the enemy.

What are some of the characteristics of the people in the stories you previously mentioned that inspire you to have more faith? Or what characteristics do you believe a person should attain in order to develop strong faith?

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The great thing about our God is that He in never changing! His Word says that He is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8.) Remember the story of the Israelites and God's promise to give them a great land flowing with milk and honey? In Deuteronomy 7:8-9 the bible says, "but because the Lord loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the hour of bondage. Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments."

If God is never changing this means that He feels the exact same way about us as He did about the Israelites. He will bring us out of any circumstance we face! He will redeem us from our sin and bring us to that which He has promised! Think about the thing you feel God is currently speaking to you about, is He calling you to step out on faith? Do you trust that God will bring you through to His promise? Take a few minutes to think about this and share with the group.

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The bible tells us that Jesus did not do many miracles in His hometown because of their unbelief. In Mark 9:22-25, the bible talks about a man with an epileptic, demon possessed son that the disciples tried to cast out but we learn that even they were lacking faith to do so. So can you imagine what this father was thinking when he met Jesus? He was faced with a major dilemma, he wanted so much to believe that Jesus could heal his son but he had just watched the failure of Jesus' disciples. So maybe it is understandable that the father communicated his doubt to Jesus. But Jesus responded by saying, "If you can believe, that all things are possible for him that believes." And immediately the father cried out, "I do believe; help my unbelief!"

Have you ever doubted God? Is there something that is causing you to doubt the Lord in the last thing He has called you to do? Take a moment to think about it and share

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The story ends by Jesus healing the boy of seizures and removing the unclean spirt from his body. As sinful, faulty humans there will be times that we carry unbelief but the father in this story prayed deeply for an increase of faith. He acknowledged that without God he could not believe as he ought. Faith is a spiritual muscle and like our physical muscles, if we do not exercise our faith it will not get stronger. Can you recall a time in your life where you trusted God and He fulfilled His promise to you? Can you share?

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Just like God brought you to and through past circumstances He is faithful to bring you on the other side of anything you are currently facing. The bible says, "Christ in us…the hope of glory." (Colossians 1:27) Meaning we can never fully glorify God if we never surrender to His will, His way, His truth and accept His great love sacrifice.

God is preparing each of us to do amazing things for His kingdom. Our faith is what will lead us to being obedient to that specific call and giving us the opportunity to witness heaven on earth. So, let's be intentional about taking the everyday opportunities like loving our neighbor, spending time in His word and being patient through daily tasks to increase our faith. Finally, let's pray daily, like the father in Mark 9, for an increase of faith so that we too can witness miracle.

The following is an example of a prayer for faith. "Thank you Lord for my faith. Sustain it. Strengthen it. Deepen it. Don't let it fail. Make it the power of my life, so that in everything I do you get the glory!"

Homework:

Take the steps towards whatever God is telling you to do. If He is telling you to write a book, start it. If He is telling you to blog, do it. Apply to grad school? Start the research to apply. Move to another state? Start packing boxes.