



Living by Faith

INTRODUCTION: Have you ever wondered if there was more to life than what you are currently experiencing? Have you ever felt bored with the mundane routines of life that seem to be never ending? Do you feel that your life is kind of stuck in a rut? If so, God wants you to look to Him, believing that He has greater things in store. The first key to discovering His plan is found in this message. We hope you listen today and begin to embrace the greater things He has prepared for you!

READ: Hebrews 11:1-3

DISCUSSION:

1. In what ways do we practice faith every day? How is this faith different from Biblical faith?
2. In your own words, how would you describe Biblical faith? Based on your description, do you meet your own criteria of living a lifestyle of faith?
3. When you think about living by faith, what Biblical illustrations come to mind? What contemporary illustrations has God allowed you to see?
4. One of the primary descriptions of faith is that it is “the conviction of things not seen.” What does this mean to you? What is the key to experiencing this?
5. According to 2 Corinthians 5:9, what should be the primary ambition of every believer? What role does faith play in this process?
6. One of the key results of faith is that it brings us understanding. In what ways have you experienced this in your life? In what ways do you still need to experience this?
7. What are some things that often hinder us from living by faith?
8. As a group read Mark 9:14-27 and answer the following questions:
 - What problem was brought to Jesus?
 - According to verse 19, why couldn't the disciples change the situation?
 - According to verse 23, what is possible for those who have faith?
 - According to verse 24, what was the request of the boy's father? How can you relate to what he said?
 - What did Jesus do to change the situation?
9. What does mankind normally base their faith on? What is the basis for the believer's faith (see Romans 10:17)? What does this require of us?
10. In what specific area(s) in your life do you need to grow in faith? Spend time praying for one another that God will grow your faith as we learn more about the “greater things” He has in store.

MAKE IT SO: This week, take some personal time, pray and write out who God is to you personally right now in your life, what He is doing, and how He is leading you. Humbly pray and ask the Lord to show you what He is calling you to do. Ask the Lord to guide you in the plans that He has for your life and by doing so, put your “yes” on the table to walk by faith.

READING LIST:

Monday: 2 Corinthians 5:6-15 / **Tuesday:** Ephesians 5:1-10 / **Wednesday:** 1 John 5:1-5 / **Thursday:** Luke 17:5-6 / **Friday:** Mark 9:14-24 / **Saturday:** Hebrews 6:9-12 / **Sunday:** Hebrews 10:32-39