

Faith Can Fix Anything
Hebrews 11
April 28, 2013
Message Notes



1. Today's Dumb Thing: Faith Can Fix Anything

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Maybe faith does fix everything!

Faith-in-faith is nothing more than wishful thinking.

Faith-in-faith is a burden too heavy to bear.

Acts 12.1-16

2. Today's Not Dumb Thing: Faith in God Who Always Keeps His Promises

Hebrews 11.11

Hebrews 11.35b-40

Luke 17.5-6

God loves the presence of faith in Him, not the poundage.

Isaiah 41.10 (Dt. 20.1, 31.6, Psalm 27.4, 46.1-3, 48.14, 118.6, Isaiah 43.2-4, Jer. 46.27-28, Matthew 28.20, Romans 8.9-11, 26-27, 31, I Cor. 6.19, Galatians 4.6, etc.)

Put your dime-sized faith in God, who always stays near!

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Growth Group Questions



1. Tell about a place in your life where you've been disappointed; where you had hoped God would have worked another way, but He didn't. How did it affect your faith?

2. Read the story of unbelieving-belief in Acts 12.1-16.
 - a. What in their reactions indicates there was some doubt, some lack of faith in their faithful prayers for Peter?

 - b. Yet James (read James 1.6-8) tells us to have no doubts when we pray. How do we reconcile these two passages?

 - c. Consider Jesus' raising the widow's dead son in Luke 7.11-17. Was there *any* faith present here? Do you think God's care for us is contingent upon *our* faith? (See also Matthew 12.9-13, Acts 3.1-10, 2 Kings 13.20-21, etc.)

 - d. What burdens does it lift knowing it's not how much faith we can cook up, but it's simple faith in our all-loving, all-knowing God?

3. God promises to always stay near. Read a couple of the following verses where He promises to be ever-present with us through whatever storms of life come our way. Share a favorite with your group. Where have you experienced God's nearness, or where do you need it now?

Deuteronomy 20.1, 31.6, Psalm 27.4, 46.1-3, 48.14, 118.6, Isaiah 43.2-4, Jeremiah 46.27-28, Matthew 28.20, Romans 8.9-11, 26-27, 31, I Corinthians 6.19, Galatians 4.6, etc.