

# Journey CHURCH

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## Session 1 Leader Guide

### BUILDING A LIFE OF FAITH

"According to your faith let it be done to you." MATTHEW 9:29 (NIV)

You get to choose how much God blesses your life and uses you in his plan for the world. Daring faith is the key to fulfilling God's will.

Where there is no faith, there are no miracles. Daring faith is the key to miracles in your life.

- Faith is \_\_\_\_\_ when I don't see it.

"To have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for, to be certain of the things we cannot see." HEBREWS 11:1 (GNJ)

- Faith is \_\_\_\_\_ when I don't understand it.

"It was by faith that Noah built (an ark) to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before." HEBREWS 11:7 (NLT)

"It was faith that made Abraham obey when God called him to go out to a country which God had promised to give him. He left his own country without knowing where he was going." HEBREWS 11:8 (GNT)

- Faith is \_\_\_\_\_ when I don't have it.

"It was faith that made Abel offer to God a better sacrifice than Cain's. Through his faith he won God's approval." HEBREWS 11:4 (GNT)

- Faith is \_\_\_\_\_ when I don't feel like it.

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"It was by faith that [Moses] left Egypt without fear of the king's anger; he held to his purpose like someone who could see the invisible." HEBREWS 11:27 (NJB)

- Faith is \_\_\_\_\_ before I receive it.

"By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days." HEBREWS 11:30 (NIV)

If you wait until after a prayer has been answered to thank God, that's gratitude, but it's not faith. Faith is thanking God that the answer is already on its way, even before you see it.

- Faith is \_\_\_\_\_ if don't get it.

God is more interested in your character than your comfort, He is more interested in making you holy than making you happy. So sometimes he gives you the ability to handle trials instead of removing them from your life.

"The world was not worthy of them ... These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better," HEBREWS 11:38-40 (NIV)

"Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." ROMANS 10:17 (NKJV)

"These trials are only to test your faith...So if your faith remains strong after being tried in the test tube of fiery trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day of his return." 1 PETER 1:1 (TLB)

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## DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. On a scale of 1-10, with 1 being "nonexistent" and 10 being "absolutely unshakeable," how would you rate the strength of your faith today?
2. Of the six facets of faith Pastor Rick described, which one do you want to strengthen first and why? What practical step can you take this week to move in that direction?
3. Who do you know that demonstrates strong faith? What lesson can you learn from their example?
4. How have you seen God do something extraordinary, even miraculous, in your life or in the life of someone you know? How has that experience impacted the way you think about faith?

## LIVING ON PURPOSE

This is where the rubber meets the road. We don't want to be just hearers of the Word. We also need to be doers of the Word (James 1:22). In his book, *The Purpose Driven Life*, Rick Warren identifies God's five purposes for our lives. They are worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, and evangelism. We will focus on one or two of these five purposes in each session. These assignments are application exercises that will help you put into practice the truths you have discussed in the lessons.

5. **Worship:** Faith is thanking God that the answer is already on its way, even before you see it. What do you need to begin thanking God for today?
6. **Fellowship:** Do you know someone who needs to have their faith built up? Why not invite them to join your group? It's not too late.