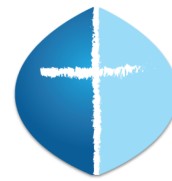


Five Reasons to Trust God When Facing a Crisis of Faith

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Today's Reality of Experiencing God: God's Invitation Leads to a

- *Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen. (Heb. 11:1)*
- *For we walk by faith, not by sight. (2 Cor. 5:7)*
- *[Jesus said,] "The one who believes in Me will also do the works that I do. And he will do even greater works than these, because I am going to the Father." (John 14:12)*
- *"For I assure you: If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will tell this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." (Matt. 17:20)*
- *[Paul said,] "My speech and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and power, so that your faith might not be based on men's wisdom but on God's power." (1 Cor. 2:4-5)*
- *If you do not stand firm in your faith, then you will not stand at all. (Isa. 7:9)*

Luke 9:10-17 (NIV) 10 When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus what they had done. Then he took them with him and they withdrew by themselves to a town called Bethsaida, 11 but the crowds learned about it and followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing. 12 Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, "Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here."

13 He replied, "You give them something to eat." They answered, "We have only five loaves of bread and two fish—unless we go and buy food for all this crowd." 14 (About five thousand men were there.) But he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each." 15 The disciples did so, and everyone sat down. 16 Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people. 17 They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

5 Reasons to Trust God When Facing a Crisis of Faith

- 1) God never _____ of _____ what we need for the task he has assigned us
- 2) Although God can accomplish the task without you, he invites you to bring _____
- 3) Jesus _____ what we give to Him
- 4) Jesus can bring _____ and life from what is _____
- 5) When we choose to trust Him, he will provide _____ we asked or dreamed of so their will be _____ where the provision came from.

Bottom Line: _____ resources plus _____ equals _____

Discussion Questions

- 1) What is one thing you heard today in Mike's message that you think God was speaking directly and specifically into your life, or our life as a church? What do you think God wants you/us to do this week about it? How can we pray for you/for our church? (Feel free to pray for one another immediately after a person shares, or at the end of your time together)
- 2) Are you presently experiencing a crisis of belief? If so, what is God asking you to do? What is it that keeps you from obeying?
- 3) What does your present walk with God reveal about what you believe about Him? What is the evidence of God at work in and through your life?
- 4) What in your life or the life of your church can only be explained by the presence of Almighty God?
- 5) Is there something in your life you struggle to turn over to God? How is God presently seeking to increase your faith in Him?