



SERMON GUIDES

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Tell Me Something Good: You Got to Have Faith | WEEK #4

01.

INTRODUCTION

This week we will continue our sermon series "Tell Me Something Good" with a focus on faith. We all have faith in something but what does it mean to have faith as believers in Jesus?

02.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Romans 5:1-11

- What do you place your faith in? Gordon reminded us that we are tempted to put our faith in lots of things before we trust Jesus.
- Is there a difference between what you say you have faith in and what your life reveals?
- Paul reminds us here in Romans that our faith is in Jesus. What do verse 6-11 say we believe about Jesus?

Read Proverbs 3: 5-6.

- What do these verses encourage us to do?
- What is the product of trusting God and not ourselves? (verse 8)
- Gordon reminded us that Paul stepped out bravely in faith even when he didn't fully understand what God was doing. Have you ever had an experience where you needed to trust God but didn't have the full picture? Share your story.
- Gordon said we can trust God completely because we are trusting the wisdom of the very best kind of Father. However, we often think we know better. What are some areas in your life that you try to control instead of trusting God's wisdom?

Read Romans 5: 3-5.

- What is the progression of faith Paul is speaking about?



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- Gordon reminded us that life is hard, but God is still close to us. Why is it so hard for us to remember that God is still working even when we can't see Him?

Read Ephesians 6: 10-17

- According to these verses, what habits can we develop to help us be persistent in faith?
- What does "putting on the whole armor of God" look like for us?
- What are some of the "flaming arrows of the evil one" that distract us from being persistent in our faith?
- How can we encourage each other to be persistent?



NEXT STEPS: Ask Yourself

1. Where do I place your ultimate Faith?
2. When was the last time I stepped out in faith?
3. Is my faith persistent?