Series: Outrageous Faith Message: Trusting with Wet Feet

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Joshua 3

Outrageous faith trusts God enough to get your feet wet.

Giving voice to what God has done <u>recognizes</u> God's power.

Declaring our trust in God <u>strengthens</u> our faith and the faith of others.

Declaring what God has done or our request puts our <u>focus</u> on God.

What we focus on is what we trust in.

NEXT STEPS

Use these study questions to turn a message into a conversation.

Our trust and understanding of who God is as the object of our faith can either diminish or heighten the sometimes paralyzing affect of doubt. How might the following verses help build your confidence in God in the midst of doubt?

- Psalm 25:8
- Psalm 89:11
- Psalm 145:9-10
- James 1:17

One of the reasons we may doubt the strength or power of our faith is the ongoing battle we all have at times in dealing with our own sin. What insight does Paul give us in Romans 7:18-21 of how our struggle, doubt, and faith can co-exist?

Would you say most people can relate to the struggle Paul describes? How about yourself?

How does Romans 8:1 help us deal with this struggle?

When we step over the line by putting our faith in Jesus and become a follower of His, a spiritual transformation happens. What do the following verses tell us about what happens as a result of that spiritual transformation?

2 Corinthians 5:17

Romans 5:1

Romans 8:1-2

Galatians 2:20

Is there one of the truths in these verses that you tend to forget? If so, what could you do to help you remember it?

Biblical faith is "trusting God enough to do what He says." In John 4:43-54, we read about Jesus healing the son of a government official. In what ways do you see this definition of faith reflected in the official's response to Jesus?

Can you think of any examples in your life of when you trusted God enough to do what He said? What was the outcome?

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"My faith grows when I give voice to what God has already done so I can ask Him with outrageous faith to do the next big thing in my life."

Share briefly your story of what God has done.

A Guide to help you share:

- What was your need that you brought to God. (The need for love, acceptance, fear, anger, bitterness, financial, relationship, health)
- What great dream or desire did you bring to God?
- What was your attitude toward God when you asked?
- How specifically did God meet your need?
- How has this grown your faith?

We will be recording these stories regularly over the coming weeks. Consider sharing your God story to inspire the faith of everyone.