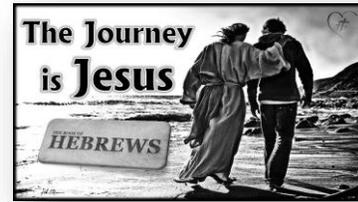




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GOD, GIANTS, and GRASSHOPPERS

The Crises of Faith

HEBREWS 11:29-31

➤ **TIME of TESTING = CRISIS of FAITH** LUKE 8:13

A turbulent time of desperation in our Christian life thinking/feeling God is not there because He did not provide. So we hold it against Him refusing to believe Him, let alone, serve Him.

- UNTESTED FAITH – “Whatever _____ Want.”
- TESTED FAITH – “Whatever _____ Wants.”

*“Nonsense! You’ve lost your parents’ faith.
Now go out and get one of your own.”*

In the Crises of Faith...

1. _____ or _____ vs. 29; EXODUS 14
2. _____ or _____ vs. 30; JOSHUA 6:1-5;
 - **Forty Years Earlier...** NUMBERS 13, 14
God, Giants and Grasshoppers?
3. _____ or _____ vs. 30; JOSHUA 2 & 6:17

In a Crisis of Faith...

1. **Tell God What You _____ and _____**
2. _____ **the Pain and Confusion**
3. **Investigate What He Really _____**
4. _____ **with a Trusted Believer**
5. **Fight Back to _____ Faith**

LIFE GROUP STUDY NOTES
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GETTING STARTED *“In your opinion...”*

1. Were you able to fill in all the blanks from the sermon?
2. In Sunday’s message we examined the faith of the Israelites and Rahab and their potential Crises of Faith. Was there anything helpful, eye opening, troubling, or confusing?
3. How would you define a *“Crisis of Faith”*?
4. Can you share a personal experience of a *Crisis of Faith*? What caused the crisis? Assuming that you are through the crisis, what helped you get through it?

GOING DEEPER *“According to the Bible...”*

Answer the following questions from what the Bible says in the suggested reading

Read about the following examples of Bible characters. Do you agree or disagree with the suggested cause of their crisis of faith? What helped them through the crisis, if anything?

- **MOSES** in Numbers 11:10-17...*Overwhelmed/Inadequate*
- **ELIJAH** in 1 Kings 19:1-9 ...*Fear*
- **JOB** in Job 3:11-26 ...*Suffering*
- **JEREMIAH** in Jeremiah 20:14-18 ...*Disappointment*
- **JONAH** in Jonah 4:1-11 ...*Pride*
- **Read James 1:2-4 and. What are the potential benefits of a “Crisis of Faith” i.e. ...the testing of our faith?**
- **Read 1 Peter 1:7. Most people value having lots of money, lots of gold. What is the value of a tested faith compared to possessing lots of money?**
- **Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. What makes unseen things more valuable than things that are seen?**
- **Read 1 Peter 4:12, 13. What attitude does Peter admonish us to adopt about trials? Explain.**

LIVING OUT

- **What are you doing to strengthen your faith to prepare for unplanned crisis?**