

# Living by FAITH



## Faith Pressing Through Fear (Hebrews 11:23-38)

### Living by Faith pt. 3

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#### THE BIG IDEA

Like a child might need a bedtime story about bravery to press through their fear of being alone at night, Christ followers need stories of bravery and faith to press through our own fears that we face in life. Hebrews 11:23-38 gives many examples of people who had faith in the promises of God and their faith helped them press through their fear. Like signs along a path, these models of faith can help us navigate life's most fear-inducing moments.

#### OPENING

- When was the last time you were really afraid?
- As you think back on that time, what helped you navigate through that fear?
- Hebrews 11:23-38 lists many models of faith through fear for us to emulate. From Moses & Rahab who pressed through fear & saw earthly victory, to the Jewish martyrs who did not experience earthly victory, but who pressed through fear for eternal victory. Which category speaks to you the most? Why?

#### DIGGING DEEPER

- Read Joshua 2:1-21. What fearful situation did Rahab face? What did she put her faith in that helped her press through her fear?
- Read Daniel 3:4-27. What fearful situation did Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego face? What did they put their faith in that helped them press through their fear? What can we learn from them about faith in the midst of the unknown?
- Pastor Kate says that having models of faith through fear can help us as we navigate our own fears. The Bible offers us many of these models, but sometimes we are lucky to have models of faith through fear from our own lives as well. Who are your modern day models of faith through fear that you look to emulate when facing your own fears?



- Read Isaiah 41:10 & Matthew 28:20. How can the simple promise that God is with us help us in times of great fear? What other promises of God do you cling to when you are afraid or worried?

## PUTTING IT TO WORK

- As a group, spend time praying together for the things you are worried, anxious, and fearful about.
- Which model of faith through fear from Hebrews do you identify with most right now? Write their name down. Spend some time this week reflecting on that character, reading their story, and asking God to help you embody faith in your life like that character did in theirs.
- As a group consider how you might support one another in pointing each other to models of faith through fear in this season.

## PRAYER REQUESTS