



FAITH DESCRIBED

FAITH MEANS TRUSTING GOD WITHOUT KNOWING IF WHAT IS COMING IS BETTER.

This week we learned that living faith is unconventional. The normal convention is to put the plan together, know all of the details, and pursue the things that we love the most. Living faith in God doesn't require the conditions of "only what we want" and "if God supplies all the details first".

Ofentimes we demand God to fit into the "only" and "if" box we've made for Him. But God will not be constrained by our demands. Real faith is conditionless. And real faith is conditionless because we have One Supreme love and that is God. Because we love Him more than anything else we are willing to put all other loves on the altar and serve Him and Him alone.

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.



WATCH

Play the video prepared for this lesson by Pastor Derek Neider. Video sessions are available for download at www.cclasvegas.org/b2r.



PRAY (10 min)

As a group pray about what sacrifices you are willing to make in your life for God.



REFLECT (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them together.

- Discuss what it means to have a degree of faith that is proportional to the object it's invested in.
- In what ways do we put God in a box, giving Him the criteria we believe He should operate by?
- How big was Abraham's faith that he was willing to sacrifice his own son? When have you used radical faith?

"FAITH MAKES ALL THINGS POSSIBLE, LOVE MAKES ALL THINGS EASY."

D.L. MOODY

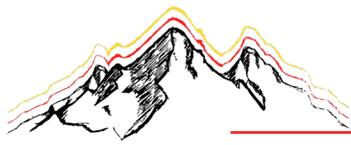
"FOR THE LOVE OF CHRIST COMPELS US, BECAUSE WE JUDGE THUS, THAT IF ONE DIED FOR ALL, THEN ALL DIED, AND HE DIED FOR ALL, THAT WHOSE WHO LIVE SHOULD LIVE NO LONGER FOR THEMSELVES, BUT FOR HIM WHO DIED FOR THEM AND ROSE AGAIN."

2 CORINTHIANS 5:14

Is there something that God is calling you to put on the altar?

- Write down what it is and pray to God confessing your supreme love for Him.





REACH

Spend a couple of minutes sharing praise reports from last week's action step which was: prayerfully asking someone to come to church. **How did that go?**

Considering what God revealed to you this week, how can you apply what you've learned to reaching deep down and letting go of your expectations in an area of your life and saying YES to God instead.

**Commit to taking a step of FAITH that may result in a sacrifice.
Write it down and make a plan to execute it.**

Next week we will be anxiously awaiting your praise report about how taking steps of faith made a difference in your life.

