



## Faith

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### 1. The ability to believe is the most powerful force at humanity's disposal

<sup>22</sup> Then Jesus said to the disciples, "Have faith in God. <sup>23</sup> I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, 'May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart.

Mark 11:22-23 NLT

### 2. When we believe something is possible, we look for a way until we find a way

- Optimists always outsell their smarter, less optimistic peers
- Belief trumps IQ

### 3. We continually look for evidence to support what we believe to be true

### 4. Belief is easier to maintain within a community of shared belief

### 5. Religious belief is simply belief applied to things of a religious nature

### 6. Why should you be a Jesus follower?

- When Jesus died, those closest to him believed that he was dead
- But, within days, their message changed:
  - You killed him
  - God raised him from the dead
  - We have seen him

<sup>19</sup> "He was a prophet who did powerful miracles, and he was a mighty teacher in the eyes of God and all the people. <sup>20</sup> But our leading priests and other religious leaders handed him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified him.

<sup>21</sup> We had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. Luke 24:18-21 NLT

### 7. The hinge point for the Christian faith:

- Something happened - Resurrection
- We believe it

### One Question:

1. Who is Jesus?

### Next Steps:

- ☐ I will answer the "One Question" as I review my personal faith journey this week
- ☐ Ask God to increase my faith so I can see more possibilities of what he can do in my life
- ☐ Have at least one conversation about my faith / beliefs with someone this week
- ☐ Attend or listen to all of this message series
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