



CRAZY FAITH

PREVIEW

Do you have the kind of faith that's willing to take risks? God often calls people out of their comfort zone, and it takes crazy faith to follow the unseen into the unknown. And though it might not seem like it, when it comes to following Jesus, sometimes playing it safe is the biggest risk of all.

PRAISE

What is the craziest thing you have ever believed in? Was it having faith in an underdog sports team? Did you believe in Santa Claus until you were ten? Did you believe God for an impossible miracle? Have members share a time in their life when they had to have crazy faith.

PARABLE

Crazy: extremely enthusiastic

Faith: complete trust or confidence in someone or something.

Read Hebrew 11:1.

No cap, would you say you have crazy faith? Do you have a faith willing to take risks? Joshua had crazy faith. This doesn't mean he lived recklessly, but it does mean he lived in a way that wasn't always comfortable and didn't always make sense to those around him. Sometimes it meant going against popular opinion.

PRESENT

1. Crazy faith focuses on God's promises.

- God had promised the Israelites the land of Canaan; all they had to do was take it. Unfortunately, when Moses sent a group of spies to check out the land, the majority of the spies only saw how things could go wrong. Despite everything they had seen God do in their lives, God's people let their fear outweigh their faith. Joshua and his friend Caleb were the only ones who saw the situation differently.

- Read Numbers 14:8–10. Joshua and Caleb saw the potential of the land because they were looking at it through the lens of what God had promised. It doesn't mean the situation wasn't overwhelming or scary. Joshua and Caleb didn't pretend the bad stuff didn't exist. That stuff just wasn't their main focus—God's promise was. And because of this faith, Joshua and Caleb saw the promise come to pass.

2. Crazy faith moves without knowing the outcome.

- Imagine there's a door in front of you. It's heavy, and there's no way you could ever push it open. Thankfully for you, the door is motion activated. It will open as long as you take a step, just like you're walking into a grocery store.
- There are times God will wait for you to make the first move. He might give you a word or a direction—maybe even an idea—but ultimately, it's your move.
- In Joshua 3, God told Joshua to have the priests stand in the Jordan River. No follow-up assurances, no explanation, not even a fifteen-second Insta tutorial. Oh, and the Jordan River was in flood stage—so the timing couldn't have been worse.
- All Joshua had to go on was God's command: "Go and stand in the river." Joshua didn't know what would happen after that. He could have asked for more information. He could have waited for a bigger sign or asked his friends for advice. He could have waited for God to give him clearer instructions. But he didn't. Joshua knew God's voice, and he knew how God had moved in the past. He had spent time with God and knew that no matter what happened, God was with him. So Joshua told the priests to step into the water.
- The Bible says that as soon as the priests' feet hit the river, the waters parted and the Israelites were able to cross on dry land. Because of Joshua's willingness to move forward on a word from God, the Israelites were one step closer to entering the Promised Land.

PRACTICE

3. Crazy faith obeys God even when it doesn't make sense.

- After years of waiting, the Israelites were finally on the soil of the Promised Land. However, fully realizing that promise meant facing a battle. But God gave them a plan—all they had to do was walk around the city of Jericho for seven days and play some instruments. Yep, you read that right.
- Can you imagine the weird looks Joshua got when he told the priests to walk into the Jordan River? It would be like your coach telling your team to walk around the field singing, "Thank You, Next" in order to win the biggest game of the year.
- On the outside, it looked ridiculous and didn't make sense. Joshua probably had a lot of questions. But if there's something we've learned about Joshua, it's that his faith was tied to God's character, not his crazy circumstances.

- Joshua followed God's commands and had the Israelites walk around Jericho for seven days. On the seventh day, the wall fell and Jericho was defeated—a story so miraculous it has been told for thousands of years.
- Crazy faith doesn't always make sense in the moment. Maybe you get the feeling you need to pray for a classmate or write them an encouraging note. Or maybe you feel God nudging you to start a conversation with the new kid, even though it looks like you have nothing in common.

PRAY

Jesus, help us this week to activate our crazy faith. We know we can do all things through You because there's nothing too hard for You. There is no disease You can't heal, no addiction You can't deliver us from, no difficulty You can't help us through. Give us crazy faith to believe You, even when it doesn't make sense. Give us the courage to step out in faith, and we know Your Word will prove itself to us. Thank You for the reminder today that You are ready and willing to do above all we could ever ask or think. Let us be full of crazy faith because we know You have crazy miracles waiting for us. In Jesus' name, amen.

PLUS

Close your club meeting by asking the following questions:

1. What are some promises God has given that you can focus on today?
2. What's an area in your life where you feel God calling you to take a step?
3. In what ways can you trust God this week even when (especially when) it doesn't make sense?.