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**"FAITH IN TOUGH TIMES"**

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**MARK 4:35-41 (NASB)**

**CORE TRUTH:** Only faith in a worthy object can see us through hard times.

**QUESTION:** Is it wrong to worship "online"? No  
Is it God's will that this be our primary mode of worship? No

**TRUTH:** God wants worship to be corporate, physical gathering.

Three reasons why I believe our church family needs to make moves to regather:

1. The Christian faith is fueled by hearing God's Word together (Romans 10:17).
2. Hearing God's Word from pastors on "The Hill" will impact you more than a preacher from another church family.
3. There is power in a personal connection.

**LET'S READ OUR TEXT!**

**QUESTION:** Why is it that so many Christians have such a mild case of Christianity? Why do so many have such little, small faith?

**ANSWER:** It is because we have a wrong view of what it means to have faith.

**TRUTH:** We don't learn faith by lecture but in life.

**THREE LESSONS FOR ALL OF US:**

## **I. BIBLICAL FAITH DEPENDS ON ITS OBJECT.**

**TRUTH:** The Bible never says, "just believe," but believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

**TRUTH:** It isn't the amount of faith you have that matters, but in whom your faith rests.

**TRUTH:** Our God's too small is the great problem of American Christianity today.

## **II. FAITH CAN BE ENLARGED.**

**TRUTH:** God's issue in COVID-19 isn't to relieve our misery but to develop our faith.

**TRUTH:** Biblical salvation has three tenses in it: the past... salvation from the penalty of sin, that's the Cross; the future... We will be saved from the presence of sin, that's the Rapture; but the middle is the right now, when God is saving us from the power of sin.

**The question this morning:** As you profess to know Christ, where's the proof that you're not just growing old but actually growing up in Christ?

## **III. FAITH HAS PROBLEMS (1 Corinthians 10:13).**

**INSIGHT:** The test of troubles is whether you will hold up or fold up.

### **TAKE AWAY/INVITATION: NUMBERS 13**

**INSIGHT:** Remember the majority isn't always right.

**INSIGHT:** Joshua and Caleb weren't blind to the impossibility of their situation, but they also saw God.

### **TWO TRUTHS TO MAKE PART OF YOUR DAILY LIFE:**

1. If Jesus Christ is IN your boat... it will never sink.
2. If Jesus Christ is in your boat... the storm will not last forever.