**A group of people standing in front of a rocky mountain

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**“The Ups and Down of Faith”**

**Week 9 in a 9-week Series**

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Scripture: Hebrews 11:32-40

Series: “Faith-Full” – Week 9 of 9

**SECTION 1 – GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS**

1. This chapter lays out the names of others who also had faith and alludes to “others” who are not mentioned. Who is someone in your life that has helped you in your walk with Jesus? Helped increase your faith? Encouraged you to have faith in rough times?
2. Of all the Biblical characters that we have talked about over the last 9 weeks (including the list in these verses), whose faith walk do you most closely relate to? Why?
3. What is a difficult or challenging situation in your life that you got through because of your faith in Christ?
4. One of the ways that this passage speaks about that faith can do is well summarized in a verse from 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.” How do you think God uses people’s weaknesses to reveal his strength? How has he done this in your life or in the life of someone you know?
5. Philippians 4:13 states: “I can do all this through him who gives me strength.” Or another way to say this – “I can accomplish all things through faith in Christ – the one who gives me strength.” Why is this hard to believe?

**SECTION 2 – PRAYER**

Pray for each other as each of us enters into the business of the season. Pray about continuing to meet. Pray about inviting others to join you as you continue to meet together. Pray about ways in which you can encourage each other in your own individual walks of faith.

**SECTION 3 – NEXT STEPS**

Over the last 9 weeks, you have heard a variety of people talk about their faith walk with Jesus. Each person has a story to tell. If you were going to share with someone how your faith in Christ has helped you or strengthened you or encouraged you or saved you – what story would you tell? How would you share the story?

As your pastor, I would encourage you to write your story down and rewrite it and revisit it often. Share it with the people who are closest with you as you live out your faith. Be ready at any moment to share your story with people who God might have you bump into (also known as “divine appointments”).

1 Peter 3:15 says it this way, “But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”

Does section 3 freak you out? That’s ok. If you need help in putting your story together, reach out to me here at the church and let’s get together and talk it through. God has a purpose and a plan for each of us. Maybe this exercise will kick start your walk with Jesus.

Praying for you. – Pastor Keenan