

Sunday Message: December 5, 2021

We Need a Little Christmas | Unpacking Faith | Hebrews 11 and Mark 9

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Reflection Questions

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How have you traditionally understood the relationship between faith and doubt? Are the two at odds? Why or why not?

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Reflect on the following quote by C.S. Lewis. “If ours is an examined faith, we should be unafraid to doubt. If doubt is eventually justified, we were believing what clearly was not worth believing. But if doubt is answered, our faith has grown stronger. It knows God more certainly and it can enjoy God more deeply.”

Would you agree or disagree with this quote? How do C. S. Lewis’ thoughts inform your understanding of the relationship between faith and doubt?

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In your own words, how would you describe what it looks like to live by faith?

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On Sunday, faith was described this way: Faith is living life with a growing awareness of and confidence in God, adhering to the lifestyle of Jesus, and becoming conscious of and surrendered to the leading of the Spirit until the consummation of all things.

What tangible step(s) could you take this week in order to:

- a. Grow in your awareness of and confidence in God?
- b. More fully adhere to the lifestyle of Jesus?
- c. Become more conscious of and/or surrender to the leading of the Holy Spirit?