



Choosing Faith

- Circle Time: A couple of weeks ago we talked about the verse where Jesus tell the Synagogue leader, “Do not fear, just believe.” A modern day expression of this statement that you might hear in Christian circles is, “You just gotta choose *faith*.” What does that mean to you?
 - Tell a story about someone who remained faithful to a process, event, or person even when they didn't have to.
 - How did watching that person go through that impact you?
 - Do examples like this inspire you? Frighten you? Both? Neither?
- Read Job 1
 - The big picture of Job is that there was a man who was, in one sense, blameless in God's sight. He was leading a basically upright life and Satan challenges God that his man is not as good as he thinks he is. God gives Satan permission to attack Job, and he does so first through his family and possessions, and then through sickness. What does this tell you about God and His awareness of what happens in our lives?
 - List the 4 major catastrophe’s that happened to Job.
 - Would you be able to cope with this if these things all happened to you?
 - What was Job’s reaction?
 - What are your thoughts about how Job reacted?
- Choosing faith happens on 3 fronts:
 - Choosing to trust God in all the circumstances in life. What evidence in your life do you have that God is trustworthy?
 - Choosing faith because we know God well. What has God done in your life that has allowed you to know Him well?
 - Choosing faith because we know who God is. Who is God to you? What has happened that has caused Him to come to mean this to you?
- We are living in a time where anxiety, suffering, and overwhelm seems to be at an all-time high. When we examine Job’s life and reaction, how can you choose to trust God in times of suffering? How has God brought you peace?