

Ivy Baptist Church
Bible Study
“A Step Beyond: Having Faith Beyond our Comfort Zone: Pt. 1”
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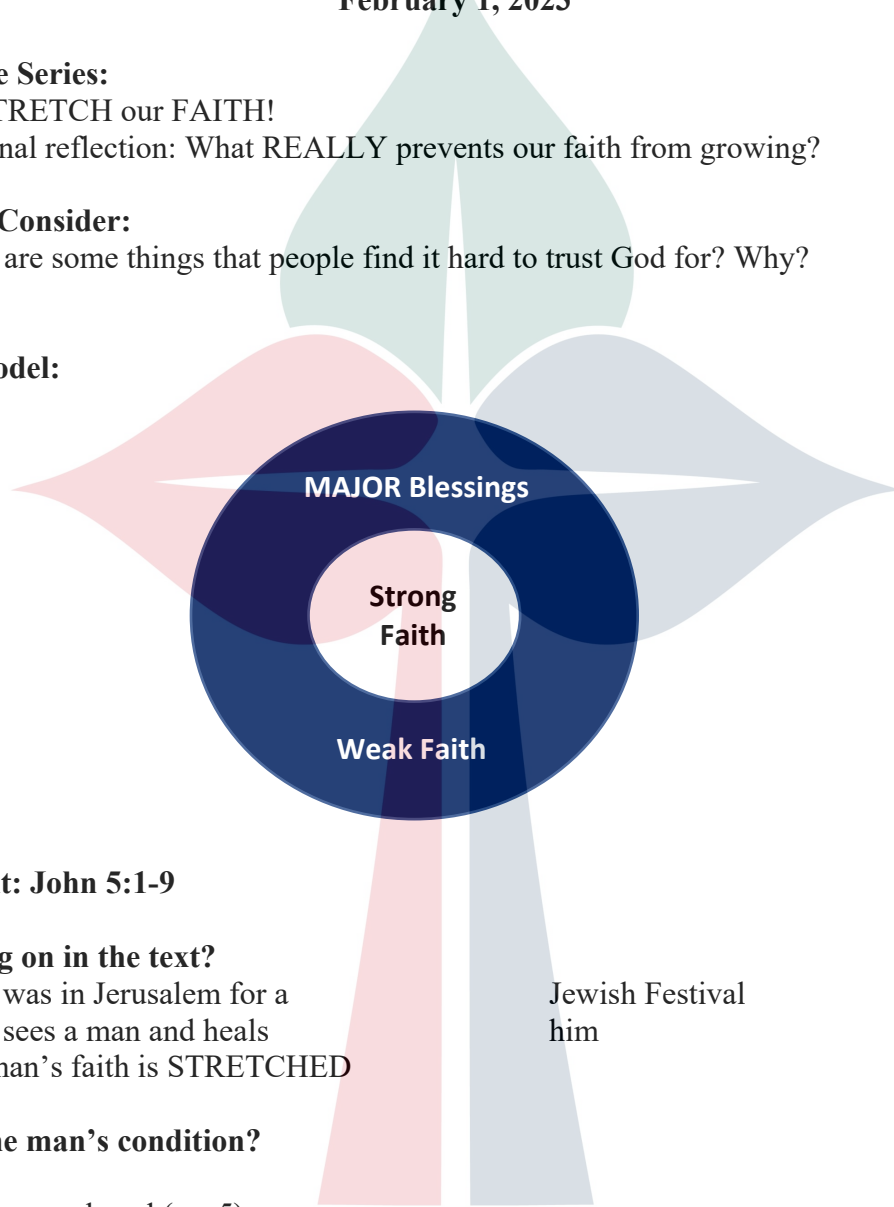
Goals for the Series:

1. To **STRETCH** our **FAITH!**
2. Personal reflection: What **REALLY** prevents our faith from growing?

Question to Consider:

1. What are some things that people find it hard to trust God for? Why?

P’s Faith Model:



Today’s Text: John 5:1-9

What’s going on in the text?

1. Jesus was in Jerusalem for a Jewish Festival
2. Jesus sees a man and heals him
3. The man’s faith is **STRETCHED**

What was the man’s condition?

Physical:

- a. He was paralyzed (vs. 5)
- b. He had been paralyzed for 38 years

Spiritual:

- a. **TIME** had weakened his faith
- b. He reasoned things will **NEVER** change

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How did Jesus stretch his faith?

1. Vs. 6: Jesus: Would you like to get well?
2. Key: Do you STILL believe I can change you/things?
3. Vs. 7: Man: I CAN'T BE HEALED!
4. Key: The man had faith...BUT IN THE WATER

John 5:8: Stand up, pick up your mat and walk!

Will you trust the WORD over:

1. Time
2. Illness
3. The CULTURE that defines blessings (“water” vs. the Word)

Question:

What are you some things that you have been praying for for a long time???

Final Thoughts:

1. God doesn't operate in TIME.....WE DO!
2. Faith in the WRONG place is WEAK FAITH!
3. When Jesus shows up....TRUST HIS WORD!



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