FAMILY LIFE CHURCH OF THE VALLEY RIVERSIDE COUNTY

TITLE: DARING FAITH – THE KEY TO MIRACLES

SESSION ONE: BUILDING A LIFE OF FAITH

MEMORY VERSE: "ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITH WILL IT BE DONE TO YOU." MATTHEW 9:29 (NIV)

BUILDING A LIFE OF FAITH

You get to choose how much God blesses your life and uses you in his plan for the world. Daring faith is the key to fulfilling God's will.

Where there is no faith, there are no miracles. Daring faith is the key to miracles in your life.

• Faith is ______ when I don't see it.

"Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

• Faith is ______ when I don't understand it.

"It was by faith that Noah built an ark to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God who warned him about something that had never happened before."

Hebrews 11:7 (NLT)

"It was faith that made Abraham obey when God called him to go out to a country which God had promised to give him. He left his own country without knowing where he was going."

Hebrews 11:8 (TEV)

• Faith is ______ when I don't have it.

"It was faith that made Abel offer to God a better sacrifice than Cain's. Through his faith he won God's approval..."

Hebrews 11:4

• Faith is ______ when I don't feel like it.

"It was by faith that [Moses] left Egypt without fear of the King's anger; he held to his purpose like someone who could see the invisible."

Hebrews 11:27 (NJB)

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• Faith is ______ before I receive it.

"By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the people had marched around them for seven days."

Hebrews 11:30

If you wait until after a prayer has been answered to thank God, that's gratitude, but it's not faith. Faith is thanking God that the answer is already on its way, even before you see it.

• Faith is ______ if I don't get it.

God is more interested in your character than your comfort, He more interested in making you holy than making you happy. So sometimes he gives you the ability to handle trials instead of removing them from your life.

"The world was not worthy of them...These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. God had planned something better." Hebrews 11:38-40 (NIV)

"Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

"These trials are only to test your faith...So if your faith remains strong after being tried in the test tube of fiery trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day of his return."

1 Peter 1:7 (TLB)

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Please don't feel pressured to discuss every discovery question. It's okay to choose the questions that are right for your group. The point is not to race through the session; the point is to take time to let God work in your lives.

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2. On scale of 1-10, with one being "nonexistent" and ten being "absolutely unshakeable," how would you rate the strength of your faith today?

3. Of the six facets of faith Pastor Rick described, which one do you want to strengthen first and Why? What practical step can you take this week to move in that direction?

4. Who do you know that demonstrates strong faith? What lesson can you learn from their example?

5. How have you seen God do something extraordinary, even miraculous, in your life or in the life of someone you know? How has that experience impacted the way you think about faith?