



REACHING PEOPLE WITH THE LIFE GIVING MESSAGE OF JESUS CHRIST

## Faith Over Fear: Believing God's Word

### Big Idea:

This week we continued our sermon series Faith Over Fear. Pastor Stephen taught us about one of the most difficult fears to overcome, the fear of losing control. This is the fear that if you don't manage to control the outcome of future events, something terrible will happen. Pastor Stephen reminded us that when we feel powerless, there is always power in prayer. The reality for those who are Christians is that God is consistent with no contingencies. We can trust that He is the great I Am and He does just what He said He would do. We examined the Israelites and how God miraculously lead them out of slavery yet in the middle of the desert they questioned everything. Pastor Stephen helped us to see the importance of not breaking down before our breakthrough. The same God who led the Israelites out of slavery would be faithful to see them to the promised land. We were introduced to practical ways of surrendering our control to God. We were challenged to read God's word, put our phones down and prayers up, and step into worship. Instead of fearing losing control, we can release control to a God who cares for our every need.

"Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you." (1 Peter 5:7)

### Community Group Questions:

1. In what area are you struggling to relinquish control? Why? How can you trust God with that, this week?
2. Pastor Stephen challenged us to "read God's word, put our phones down and prayers up, and step into worship". Which of those practices do you need to lean on the most right now?
3. Have you considered what a lifestyle of full surrender might cost you? What fears might you have about fully surrendering every aspect of your life to God?
4. The truth is that resistance is far more costly than surrender. What might we stand to lose by holding out on God?

### Prayer Focus:

Father, thank You for Your goodness. Thank You for the strength and hope You give us. Thank You for Your faithfulness and nearness. Thank You for Your unending love for us. Help us to trust in You no matter what we're going through. In Jesus' name, amen.

### Next Steps:

Take a moment this week to see how Jesus is near to you during this time, whether you sense His presence in the simple joys of nature or see His goodness in daily provisions we normally take for granted. Pray and ask God to give you an attitude of gratitude and thanksgiving for all His blessings. Spend time thanking others who you may overlook.