



BREAKING THE ICE

What is the best story anyone has ever told you?

Who is the best storyteller you know?

MAIN CONTENT

This week Pastor Kevin broke down what it means when we say “Anything’s Possible.” Pastor Kevin said, “When we say Anything’s Possible, we’re talking about being a people of faith, a people of hope. Not faith in faith or hope in hope but our faith and hope is in Jesus.”

1. What do you put your faith and hope in? (yourself, God, the government, your family, job, etc.)

Faith is putting our trust and hope in Jesus. No matter what the circumstances are, believing He loves us and we trust Him. Not all of our situations turn out like we think and sometimes our prayers aren’t answered like we want. But when we bring our doubts and disappointments to Jesus, we can put our hope and faith in Him.

Faith is seeking God and coming to Jesus. Believing He is working even though we may not see it. The good news is, we can choose to have faith and follow Jesus anywhere and anytime.

2. Describe a time where your faith was challenged. Describe a time where your faith was really active.

Faith is dynamic. It either grows or shrinks. If you do nothing with your faith it shrinks but if you need your faith, it grows. When we get discouraged and lose our perspective, faith shrinks. But, it can grow back when we change our thinking.

Many times our faith shrinks because we spend too much time looking at negative things going on in our lives and the world around us. It takes focusing on Christ and what He can do for us to change our faith.

3. Pastor Kevin read a quote from theologian Kenneth Boa that said, “ Many of us are more tethered to our phones than we’re tethered to Christ”. How does that quote resonate to your life?

Our scripture reference for this week is found in Mark 9. In this reference we can learn a few things about how to become people who believe anything’s possible.

For context of the scripture, the disciples have just had a mountaintop experience with God. They come down from that experience and there is bickering going on.

Read Mark 9:14-29

What we can see from this scripture is that **There is nothing God can’t do**. The boy’s situation was complicated. No one knew if it was a medical condition or a spiritual condition. They just knew the boy was not well. But Jesus handled it because there is nothing above Him. He can deal with it.

4. Where have you seen an impossible situation changed by faith and Jesus? If you haven’t seen that personally have you seen that for someone else? Explain.

It can be really hard to believe there is nothing God can’t do. We all have doubts and unbelief. Even the disciples doubted at times and they still walked with Jesus and followed Him. If Jesus didn’t turn away His closest friends **He can handle your ifs and He can handle your unbelief**. The father in this story brought his unbelief to Jesus. Jesus saw it and healed his son. In Matthew 17:20 Jesus says we only need a mustard seed of faith. If we bring it to Him, He will grow it.

5. How much faith do you have in your life right now? Is it growing or diminishing?

In order to live a life where anything’s possible we need to **feed our faith and starve our fears**. What makes you feel most alive spiritually? What is adding to your fears? When we practice the things that makes us feel alive spiritually we are feeding our faith. When we engage in things that feed our fears we are shrinking our faith.

6. How can you feed your faith right now? What fears do you need to starve out so you can feed your faith?

In order to truly believe anything is possible we have to feed our faith and starve the things that keep us from having faith. The last thing we can do to believe anything is possible is to **Pray and take the next step**.

Faith is expressed through obedience and doing the things God has asked you to do. Whether that’s praying and asking God to help you with your unbelief, trusting in Jesus and deciding to follow Him, getting baptized to tell others about your decision to follow Jesus or taking your next step in your faith journey; these things

will increase your faith to truly believe anything's possible with God.

7. What is God calling you to do as your next step in your faith journey?

CLOSING PRAYER

God, thank you for the stories of faith we see in your word. That even the smallest faith was noticed by Your Son. Thank you for the reminder that our faith can grow if we just have a little. Remind us of the things that are starving our faith and the things that can help us grow in our faith. Help us take our next step in our relationship with you. In Jesus name, Amen.

ACTION STEP

Take some time to gauge your faith this week. Where is your faith? Is it growing or shrinking?

+ Take time every day to grow your faith. Ideas include: listening to worship music, praying, sitting in solitude and focusing on Jesus, going on a walk with a trusted friend who can help speak God's truths in to your life.

+ Take out the noise that is causing you to fear and your faith to shrink.

+ Pray and take your next step. If that means saying yes to Jesus, or getting baptized, let your group leader know. We want to celebrate with you.