"Extraordinary Faith By Ordinary People"

Lesson Text: Mark 11:20-24.

I. Faith Is Extraordinary.

- Real Faith Isn't Common- 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2.
- A Lot Of People Claim To Have Faith, But Actually Few People Have It- Matt. 8:10.
- There Were Times Even His Closest Disciples Lacked Faith- Luke 8:24-25; Matt. 17:14-21.
- It Requires Doing What Doesn't Come Natural- Not Walking By Sight- 2 Cor. 5:7.
- The Temptation To Think: All We See Around Us, Is All The Reality There Is!
- Our Walk With God Involves Future Promises And Unseen Realities- Hebrews 11:1 & 6.
- The Nature Of Our Hope In God-Romans 8:24; John 20:29.
- Many People Find It Difficult To Trust Anyone Or Anything In Life— Developed Trust Issues.
- Hard To Let Go And Let God Lead Us His Way... What Makes Faith Extraordinary!

II. The Faith Of Ordinary People.

- The Temptation: To Think Of People Of Extraordinary Faith As Something Beyond Our Reach.
- We Somehow Think It Was Easier For Them Because.... Their Situation, Lineage, Environment...
- We Can Even Think Such Faith Is Harder For Us In These Modern Times. But Is It Really?
- Who Are The Heroes Of Faith? Their Backgrounds?
 - Noah- A Farmer- Genesis 9:20.
 - Joseph- One Of Twelve Sons (Teenager)- Genesis 37:2.
 - Moses- The Son Of Hebrew Slaves- Exodus 2:6.
 - Samuel- A Young Boy Helper To The Priest- 1 Samuel 1:24.
 - Rahab- Hebrews 11:31.
 - David- 1 Samuel 17:34.
 - Elijah- James 5:17-18.
 - Elisha- 1 Kings 19:19.
 - The Twelve Disciples- Acts 4:13; Luke 5:8.

III. Our Faith Makes Us Extraordinary!

- Because Of Our Choice To Believe God, Our Faith Changes Things!
- God Changes:
 - 1. Our Status With Him, Reconciled To Him- Colossians 1:19-23.
 - 2. We Are No Longer Condemned-Romans 8:1.
 - 3. God Makes Us His Children- 1 John 3:1-3.
 - 4. We Have Heaven As Our Reward- 1 Peter 1:3-4.