

Tipping Point Outline 2
Jesus and We

We're talking about the one thing that is the tipping point that changes everything.
Faith changes everything.

Big Faith - is a profound trust in God that shapes our perspectives and guides our actions.

Pray alone – pray with others - powerful

Worship Alone in the Car – Jesus take the wheel – Worship with others – powerful

What if we were Big Faith people together?

God calls each generation to make a difference, but he doesn't want us to do it alone. Today I want you to discover why it's time for us to be a people, together, characterized by Big Faith.

Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please God...

Read that a couple of times.

Without a profound trust in God that shapes our perspectives and guides our actions it is impossible to please God.

It is powerful when one person has Big Faith. It is awesome to behold when together, God's people are characterized by Big Faith.

Big faith is a profound trust in God that shapes our perspective:

Faith is about God – He is trust-worthy.

End of Job – people are disappointed because there doesn't seem to be any answer. There didn't need to be – Job saw God in all of his glory, power and majesty. Everything else falls in place.

We need to be a people who see and experience God in such a way that we are characterized as a people of Big Faith.

You already have great faith in something. Great faith is about the object of our faith – not about anything we do.

Big Faith is a profound trust in God that guides our actions.

Big Faith propels us to faithful living.

I believe, together, this means we will attempt great things as an act of worship and trust in a great God.

Most of us trust us. We have faith in us – we do us sized things that:

1. Promote me.
2. Preserve me.

If we are, together, to be a people of Big Faith we will do things that:

1. Promote God – point people to God
2. Put me at risk – faith calls us to put ourselves on the line.

What is the example:

Hebrews 11:8

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.

Abraham blows me away – faith was not a feeling, it wasn't a force – it wasn't having all of his questions answered. For Abraham faith was a profound and concrete trust in God that shaped his perspective (he understood the world through Big God eyes) and that guided his actions (God said go and he went).

His destination was unknown, but his trust was not in what is known, but in a big God.
Abraham obeyed and went.

Abraham's Journey is a perfect picture for the Christian life.
Bold faithful action – leaving behind the old and stepping into the new.

Illustration - The balancing beam.

Even together – big faith is difficult because we're used to promoting ourselves and preserving ourselves. This year God is calling us to risk ourselves in ways that promote Jesus.

3 ways:

Prayer – content of our prayer – God wants us to pray some Big Faith prayers this year.

Generosity - Serving and Giving – God wants us to stretch ourselves in serving and giving this year.

Sharing our Faith – God wants us to bring people to him in Big Faith ways this year.

To find out specifically what this means you'll have to come back next week.

To step toward our destiny we have no other choice but to leave our security