

ORDINARY FAITH

Matthew 17:14-23

And when they came to the crowd, a man came up to him and, kneeling before him, 15 said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he has seizures and he suffers terribly. For often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. 16 And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." 17 And Jesus answered, "O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." 18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was healed instantly. 19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" 20 He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you." 21 (see Mark 9:29) 22 As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men, 23 and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day." And they were greatly distressed.

When we live out our faith in Christ, the spectacular power of God is reflected through our ordinary faithful life.

1. We See Faithlessness (Unbelief) is Our Biggest Problem That Grieves Jesus Most.

Matthew 17:14-18, Mark 9:14-29, Deuteronomy 32:5,20,

What are some ways that you would describe the general nature of an unbelieving generation?

Even though you believe in Jesus, what actions of yours could be described as faithless?

2. God Does Not Work Through Our Self-Confidence but Through Prayerful Trust.

Matthew 17:19-21, 6:30, 8:26, 14:31, 16:8, 15:28, Acts 19:13-17, Romans 14:23

Where most in your life do you need to prayerfully trust Christ rather than yourself?

3. An Unhealthy Definition of the Spectacular, Blinds Us to the Spectacular Work and Purpose of God

Matthew 17:20-23, Isaiah 54:10, Philippians 4:12-13, 8:26, 1 Corinthians 10:31

Are you inclined to define the spectacular in unbiblical ways? How can you change that?

When you feel the weight of faithlessness, how do you know true relief is in the cross?

Church Announcements

- Wednesday Series -7pm Zoom. The Whole Christ.
- Tuesday special church prayer time: 8:30pm Zoom
- Kid's Kingdom Sunday School - 8:30am Sunday Zoom
- Christmas lights: December 12 (more information to come)
- Christmas Eve Service December 24, 7pm

Special Request

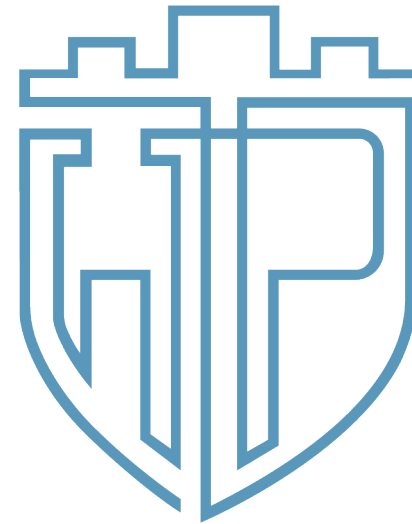
- Pray for Brandenburgs and Smiths moving on from current mission.
- Pray for Bill Rillow with continued sickness
- Pray for gospel opportunities during the Christmas season this year.
- Continue to pray for those affected by Covid

Giving Information

Traditional Giving: A box is located at the rear of the auditorium.

Online Giving: Visit www.HPBaptist.org/give and click the "Give" button to setup an account on Planning Center.

Text Giving: Text your gift amount to 84321 and follow the prompts.



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