

## 4Ws for Week 34, 21 Aug - 27 Aug 2023

### WELCOME (15 minutes)

*(If there are first-time guests, begin with a round of introduction and warmly welcome the new visitors.)*

Suggested icebreakers:

#### 1. Remember the times, we set out together in faith?

Everyone takes a turn to recount a time when they stepped out in faith to do something different. This could involve doing something for God, or something they encountered and did for the first time.

While sharing, they should try to answer the following:

- When did this happen? At which stage of your life?
- How did you get into this situation?
- What made this especially memorable for you?
- Were you alone in this?

#### 2. Up-Scale, Scale Up.

Gather everyone in a circle and take turns to share.

- Each person shares an activity they've not tried before but would like to try. No duplicates allowed.
- After everyone has shared, each person will cast 2-3 votes to vote for their favorite activity.
- Once everyone has voted, the top 2 activities will proceed to the final round.
- The 2 finalists will propose another activity they have not tried before and would like to try.
- Everyone will have 1 vote to vote for their favorite activity.
- (Optional) The group can decide to make plans to go try out that activity together.

### WORSHIP (20 minutes)

*(Remember to pause for the Holy Spirit to minister through the members. Encourage members to release a word, a vision, tongues and interpretation of tongues, to minister to each other.)*

#### Suggested worship songs:

- 1) Lion And The Lamb – Bethel Music, Leeland (C)
- 2) Holy Spirit – Bryan & Katie Torwalt (D)

### WORD (45 minutes)

**Preacher:** Rev Roland Lee

**Scripture Passage:** Hebrews 11:23-29 (NIVUK)

**Sermon Title:** Stepping Out in Faith

#### Introduction

Building our faith is an integral part of our Christian journey, as scripture tells us that faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Nevertheless, merely studying, discussing, and talking about it extensively is insufficient; unless faith is put into action, it remains incomplete.

Is faith solely a mental exercise involving the intellectual acceptance of the truth in God's word? No, it isn't. Throughout scripture, faith is intrinsically linked with action; it has never existed apart from it. This highlights that genuine faith requires us to step out to take action! How do we step out in faith?

To step out in Faith, we must step out from:

1. The Comforts of Our Present – Know Who We Are In God
2. The Fears of Our Future – Know Who We Serve Is God

### **Discovery and Understanding Questions:**

**Q1. Why is leaving my place of comfort required to step out in faith? Why can't it be the case that God has called me to this place of comfort and excel here?**

**A1.** While it's conceivable that God has led you to a place where you can comfortably excel, the crux is this: would you be willing to heed God's call to leave behind these comforts (worldly success, power and position)?

God's ways are higher than our ways, urging us to set our hearts on things that matter for eternity. When we place our value or tag our worth on the wrong things, we find ourselves trapped in "Egypt" – a state where we are hindered from embracing our true calling as sons and daughters of God. Regardless of our circumstances – whether rich or poor, good or bad, fair or unfair – we need to repent and adopt a posture where we desire to do what God has called us to do.

**Q2. I sense that God is calling me somewhere, but I am not sure if I am skillful enough, good enough, or holy enough to get there.**

**A2.** When God called Moses to lead His people out of Egypt, Moses' initially responded with fear rather than faith. Yet, within that fear, God understood, and He answered, addressed, and assured every single one of Moses' fears.

Likewise, for any of us grappling with fear or doubts regarding where He is calling you, God intends to provide the same reassurance: His grace is sufficient for you, and His power is made perfect in weakness. Know that God is with you and put your faith in Him!

### **Application Questions**

Break into smaller groups, share, pray and minister to one another.

**Q1. Are you willing to let God disrupt your own dreams and ambition so that He can reveal and fulfil what He has called you to do?**

**Q2. Do you underestimate what God has given you? Can you trust Him with the little you have and will offer?**

**Q3. What is preventing you from stepping out in faith right where you are? Is it fear? Ask for the perfect love of God to drive out all fear.**

### **WORKS (15 minutes)**

Focus on *edification, equipping* and *evangelism*. In every CG gathering, encourage members to reach out right where God has placed them. Give members time to share their outreach efforts. Press on in praying together for Bests and pre believer contacts.

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