

ANNOUNOUNS



Doubting God's Goodness

Scripture: Mark 10:17-31; 1 Peter 1:6-7

Hard times will either _____ your faith, or it will
_____ your faith.

- 1 Peter 1:6-7

How do you keep the faith in the fire?

1. Embrace God's _____ in your pain.

- 2 Corinthians 4:17-18
- John 9:1-3

2. Embrace God's _____ in your pain.

- Philippians 4:6
- a gift of complete dependence upon God
- Psalm 103:10-12

God is not _____, but God is _____, and
is full of _____.

Start talking.

- Did you choose the job you have for (a) money, (b) fulfillment, or (c) the chance to make a contribution?

Start thinking.

- How does this man's questions (v17) compare to what Jesus had just taught about the kingdom (v15)? What was his assumption about how one gains the kingdom?
- What is Jesus trying to drive home by responding to the way the man addressed him?
- Jesus quizzes the man only on a partial list of the commandments. How well might the man have obeyed the ones relating directly to God?
- Why do you think Jesus commands the man as he does (v21)? What does his response reveal which had been hidden his good works?
- What basis does Peter give his readers for a living hope? (1 Peter 1:6-7)

Start sharing.

- Are you more like the man or the children (vv13-16)
- Have you experienced the gift of the kingdom as described in vv29-30?
- Imagine your faith as a mountain climb, what situations in your life would be cliff-hangers? Easy trails? Great views? Just walking the path?
- What aspect of your faith are you, like the prophets, struggling to know more?

Start praying. *Be bold and pray with power.*

God, help me in moments of fear, unbelief, and doubt. Help me to work through my doubts and turn them into unwavering belief. May your Spirit work in my life to move me to complete commitment.

Start doing. *Commit to a step and live it out this week.*

- Pray daily for God to reveal Himself to you and one other person you choose to pray for.
- Pray for God to meet you at your doubt and to turn it into belief.