

Small Group Discussion Guide

Drawing the Line of Faith: For the week of March 29 - April 4, 2020

Main Thought and Scripture:

In the midst of crisis, Christians need to hold both facts and faith. Facts must be faced and attended to responsibly. Faith guides us to focus on God and to obey Him no matter our circumstances. If we don't face facts, we are deceived and foolish. If we don't face facts with faith, we can't please God. Abraham had to face the facts that he and his wife were too old to have children and needed to hold on in faith to God's promise that they would bear a son.

"Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. ²⁰Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. ²²This is why 'it was credited to him as righteousness.'"

(Romans 4:19-22 NIV)

1. Face the obvious facts.

"Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead..." (v.19)

2. Choose to focus on God.

"...but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God..." (v.20 ESV)

3. Apply the filter of truth: the promise of His Word.

"...being fully persuaded that God had the power to do what he had promised." (v.21)

4. Draw lines of faith in the face of fear.

"Yet he did not waver..." (v.20)

Examples:

1. **Fact:** The Covid-19 pandemic is real and we should abide by government guidelines to stop the spread of this virus to protect others.

Fear: People are hoarding supplies, depriving others who need it.

Faith: Rather than hoard, buy only what you need now, trusting in God to provide in the future.

2. **Fact:** The economy has taken a massive hit and people's financial futures are in jeopardy.

Fear: I will now be selfish rather than generous to protect myself.

Faith: I will continue to be generous because God is my ultimate provider and promises to take care of those who give generously (Malachi 3, etc.).

Discussion Questions:

- Where do you need to draw a line of faith between facts and fear? What do you need to do? Explain.
- Who is someone you can help to draw a line of faith between facts and fear? What will you do to help them?

Prayer:

- Pray for one another for one area of fear. Pray that we will draw the line of faith and live in faith rather than fear.
- Pray for one person who is struggling at this time and that God will use you to help them draw the line of faith.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update:

As of March 22, we're meeting online for Pearlside at Home. Following the recommendation of our national and local authorities to cancel large gatherings and prevent the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), **we will no longer be meeting at any of our physical locations until further notice**. As information evolves, we want to make sure you have the most up to date information. Our website ([pearlside.org/updates](https://www.pearlside.org/updates)), App, and Social Media (Facebook and Instagram) will become places to access the most up-to-date information.

• HOW DO YOU ACCESS OUR STREAM ONLINE?

We will be streaming our services using YouTube and Facebook accounts. You can access the streams here:

[youtube.com/pearlsidechurch](https://www.youtube.com/pearlsidechurch)
[facebook.com/pearlsidechurch](https://www.facebook.com/pearlsidechurch)

• WE WILL GATHER ONLINE:

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 7:30am | 9:15am | 11:15am | 6:00pm | 7:45pm

We encourage you to gather your families, small groups, and friends to watch our services. Please subscribe if you haven't already done so. The sermon will also be available to view on Monday.