

Youth Discussion Guide

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

“Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping—believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, ‘That’s how many descendants you will have!’¹⁹ And Abraham’s faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead—and so was Sarah’s womb.²⁰ Abraham never wavered in believing God’s promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God.²¹ He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises.²² And because of Abraham’s faith, God counted him as righteous.²³ And when God counted him as righteous, it wasn’t just for Abraham’s benefit. It was recorded²⁴ for our benefit, too, assuring us that God will also count us as righteous if we believe in him, the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.” (Romans 4:18-24 NLT)

Abraham drew the line of faith and stood his ground even if the facts showed him that his promise from God shouldn’t happen. Abraham saw the fact that he and his wife were old and childless, but addressed it with faith. He didn’t deny the facts, but chose to keep hope alive. His faith grew stronger, the promise eventually happened, and because of that promise, we are blessed. The fact we are facing now is that our island is out of rhythm. We have to stay home to help stop the spread of Covid-19. Spring break doesn’t feel like spring break. We’re not able to do the things we’ve planned or usually do. Even the rest of the school year is uncertain. Other facts are that the spread has increased the past few days, people are losing their jobs and there are people who really are at risk of this disease. Based only on the facts, we can have major anxiety or we can be totally numb to what’s happening. However, when we add faith to the facts, we are able to see what God wants us to do in this season—go deeper in our relationship with him and help others do the same.

Discussion Questions:

- What stood out to you from the Bible verse or main thought above?
- How have you felt in the midst of what’s been happening in our state?
- How can you continue to build your hope and strengthen your faith in God? Share some practical steps and choose someone in your group to keep you accountable.
- Remember good accountability isn’t just waiting for the person to check on you, but also updating them from time to time as well on how you’re doing.

Prayer Points:

- Pray that we’ll keep our hope alive in Christ as we continue to move forward in life.
- Pray that we’ll have courage to share our hope with others in this season.
- Pray for the “curve to flatten” and people to be healed from Covid-19.

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