

The Illogical Nature of Faith

Hebrews 11:8-22

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1. Do you pride yourself on being logical? Do you consider it a compliment when you call someone or their decisions logical? How would you feel if I told you that our church's elders and pastors were very logical?
2. Besides the examples given in this week's text, what are some examples of Biblical heroes doing something illogical? Think about Gideon's battle strategy or Joshua's battle strategy. Imagine being asked to do any of those things. What would make it easier for you to follow through?
3. Pastor Jim says that a way to exercise faith when it doesn't seem logical is to think about the future. Read 2 Timothy 4:8, 1 Peter 5:4, Romans 8:18, Revelation 2:10, Matthew 6:19-21. These future promises are meant to shift our focus from earthly logic to heavenly logic. What things prevent you from using heavenly logic? How do we find the correct focus?
4. The second strategy for exercising faith is focusing on the faithfulness of God. How has God been faithful in your life? I'm sure that everyone has a story to share. How many stories could you share? What do you think about more often: the things that God has done or your need to solve your own problems through intelligence and hard work? Which one of those things helps you have eyes of faith?
5. Does anything about the Grace Beyond project seem scary to you? Does anything seem illogical? Are those things worth focusing on? What types of things should we focus on when it comes to the Grace Beyond project? Take time to pray with your group about Grace Beyond. Pray for God's continued guidance and provision.