

Able To Do More Than We Ask Or Imagine

FCC Life Group Discussion Notes
Based on the "God Is Able" Series of Matthew Rogers
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Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, we gather today with open hearts, ready to explore Your Word and Your vision for our lives. Guide our discussion, fill us with Your Spirit, and help us trust in Your power to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine. May our time together strengthen our faith and draw us closer to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Ice Breaker

Share a time when you faced a big challenge that seemed impossible. What helped you move forward? How did you see God at work in that situation?

Key Scripture

Ephesians 3:20 (NIV) – [Group Member] please read aloud:

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us."

Sermon Summary

The sermon "God is Able" kicks off a 3-year generosity initiative at First Christian Church to fuel the next chapter of ministry, including expanded facilities to accommodate growth. Drawing from the Israelites' journey in Numbers 13-14, the sermon highlights three keys to experiencing God's "immeasurably more": focusing on God's vision rather than obstacles, confronting fears with faith, and trusting in God's power, not our own resources. Like Caleb and Joshua, we're called to see God's presence and plan despite challenges, aligning with FCC's Follow-Connect-Contribute pathway to deepen our faith and impact our community.

Discussion Points

Point 1: Focus on the Vision, Not the Obstacles

Scripture: Numbers 13:27-30 (NIV) – [Group Member] please read aloud:

"They reported to Moses, 'We went into the land where you sent us. Indeed it is flowing with milk and honey, and here is some of its fruit. However, the people living in the land are strong, and the cities are large and fortified. We also saw the descendants of Anak there. The Amalekites are living in the land of the Negev; the Hethites, Jebusites, and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live by the sea and along the Jordan.' Then Caleb quieted the people in the presence of Moses and said, 'Let's go up now and take possession of the land because we can certainly conquer it!'"

Summary: The Israelites saw the Promised Land’s potential but were intimidated by its obstacles—fortified cities and giants. Caleb, however, focused on God’s vision, trusting that the same God who led them out of Egypt could lead them forward. At FCC, we face a “giant” task with the \$1.2 million expansion, but by focusing on God’s vision—a church that serves, grows, and impacts—we can move forward in faith.

Questions:

1. What “obstacles” (e.g., financial concerns, doubts) might distract you from God’s vision for FCC’s future? How can you shift your focus to His plan?
2. How have you seen God’s vision come to life in your own life or at FCC, despite challenges?

Point 2: Confront Our Fears

Scripture: Numbers 14:7-9 (NIV) – [Group Member] please read aloud:

“[Joshua and Caleb] said to the entire Israelite community, ‘The land we passed through and explored is an extremely good land. If the Lord is pleased with us, he will bring us into this land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and give it to us. Only don’t rebel against the Lord, and don’t be afraid of the people of the land, for we will devour them. Their protection has been removed from them, and the Lord is with us. Don’t be afraid of them!’”

Summary: Fear paralyzed most of the Israelites, leading them to exaggerate the dangers and doubt God’s provision. Joshua and Caleb urged them to trust God’s presence over their fears. At FCC, fears about finances, criticism, or the future could hold us back from the “God is Able” initiative. Confronting these fears through prayer and faith aligns us with God’s call to contribute boldly to His work.

Questions:

1. What fears might you have about committing to FCC’s “God is Able” initiative? How can prayer help you confront those fears?
2. Share a time when you overcame fear to follow God’s leading. What did you learn about His faithfulness?

Point 3: Trust in God’s Power, Not Our Own Resources

Scripture: Deuteronomy 31:8 (NIV) – [Group Member] please read aloud:

“The Lord is the one who will go before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or abandon you. Do not be afraid or discouraged.”

Summary: The Israelites’ attempt to take the Promised Land without God’s blessing failed because they relied on their own strength. FCC’s vision to expand and impact our community is bigger than our resources—it requires God’s power. By praying, listening, and responding in faith, we trust God to provide, deepening our relationship with Him and contributing to His mission.

Questions:

1. How can you practically trust God's power (not your own resources) in supporting FCC's expansion?
2. What's one way you've seen God provide when you stepped out in faith? How does that encourage you now?

Wrap-Up

God is calling us to step into His vision for FCC, just as He called the Israelites to the Promised Land. The "God is Able" initiative is a chance to grow in faith, confront fears, and trust God's power. As we pray and listen, let's commit to following, connecting, and contributing to what God is doing here.

Challenge

This week, spend time in prayer asking God what He wants you to contribute to the "God is Able" initiative. Write down one specific step you'll take to focus on His vision, confront a fear, or trust His power. Share your step with a trusted friend or group member for accountability.

Closing Prayer

Lord, You are able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine. Help us focus on Your vision for FCC, confront our fears with faith, and trust in Your power to guide us. Give us courage to step out in faith and contribute to Your work. May our lives and our church reflect Your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.