



Cumbria Bible Challenge

Finding Faith Collective Worship

“Today I am going to give you the opportunity to reflect on the concept of faith.

We all have some kind of faith.

Faith means to have complete trust or confidence in someone or something.

Take a moment to think of what you have faith in.

We may have faith that the sun will rise tomorrow, you may have faith in your parents or those who look after you. You may have faith that when you open your front door and step out that the ground will take your weight.

Your faith may be in others.....

Your faith may be in yourself.....

Your faith may be in God.....

We can't always see what we have faith in- we don't always have proof of it or aren't always able to explain it- sometimes it is just a deep kind of knowing-

Message:

In the Bible in Hebrews 11.1- faith is described as “the firm foundation under everything that makes sense of life and makes it worth living” (paraphrased)

I'm going to read that again so you have a chance for it to really soak in..” faith is the firm foundation under everything that makes sense of life and makes it worth living”

I'd like to share a story with you.

This is a story about a boy called Derek. He was born in Brazil. His dad was a very good surfer, and many family members were professional surfers- Derek's dad's hope was that Derek would also become a professional surfer. This dream seemed to have come to an end when Derek was born blind.

However, his parents had faith that Derek would be able to do whatever he set his mind to. They prayed that Derek's blindness would not stop him from having the life he wanted.

And amazingly, it didn't- Derek learned to surf and is still today a very good surfer who travels the world sharing his story. Derek didn't let fear or physical ability or other people's expectations get in the way of him achieving his hopes and dreams. Derek chose to put his faith in something bigger than himself, he has faith that God is there protecting and enabling him. He chose to live by faith.

We're going to finish now with a short video. While you're watching, I invite you ask yourself the question. Where do you put your faith?

<https://youtu.be/RKe3PHEXNk8>

Pray:

