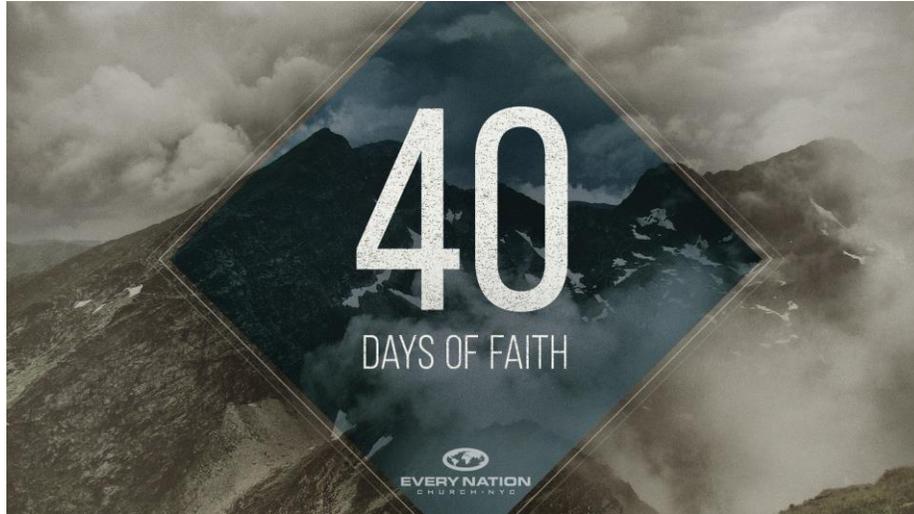


Transforming the City One Life at a Time.



40 Days of Faith

Know God, Grow Together, Discover Purpose, Make a Difference

CONNECT

- Share about the hardest thing you had to give up as a child? Could have been toys, clothes, food etc. How did it go?

WORD

Hebrews 11:4

“By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.”

THOUGHT

Real Faith leads to action. James 2:17 (In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.) When we can't see, feel, or touch what we are hoping for, we have to trust the promises of God in the situation. (Titus 1:2)

DISCUSSION

1. What words best describe faith? Is our faith directed towards the future, toward the present, or toward both?

2. Why was Abel's sacrifice better than Cain's?

3. Have you ever had to give up something for the Lord? Do you get angry when you have to give up something for the Lord? Why?

4. What does it do to our hearts when we sacrifice our best for God? Why does God ask us for sacrifices?

5. What do you think the ending of verse 4 means, “And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.”?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

- This week, focus real faith. What does it look like for you to live in real faith each day? Consider James 2:26.

PRAYER

- Pray for asking God to give you the eyes to see real faith inside of you. Pray asking for that real faith to be a motivation to you to become more like Christ. Pray that your real faith would produce an offering holy and pleasing to the Lord. (Romans 12:1)
- Pray with a friend, the same prayer. Pray for friends and family who have yet to know Christ. Pray that real faith would give them an overwhelming knowledge of God.