

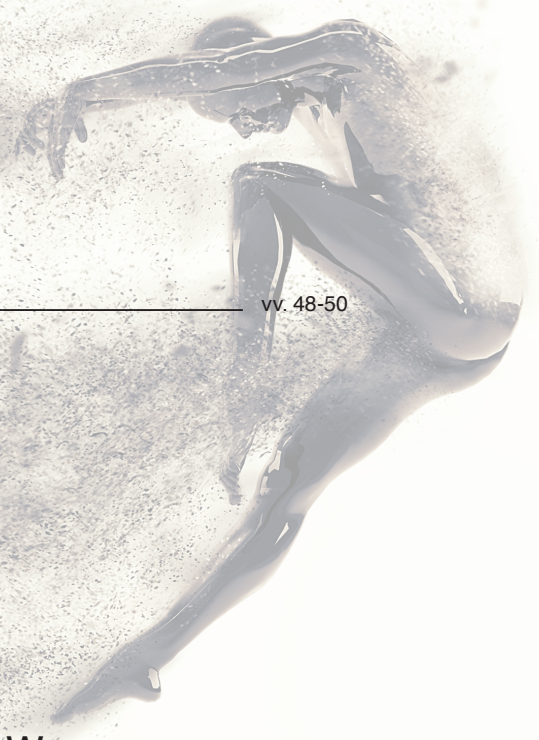
The Dance

“ How to Recognize the Rhythms of Christian Faith ”

1. It Usually Starts with a Felt Need vv. 43-47

2. It Requires Stepping Into the Unknown vv. 48-50

3. Remember God Reveals Himself Along the Way vv. 51-54



Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life.

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/ or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

Point #1

- Read John 4:43-47. Why did the official come to Jesus? Be specific. What does this imply about his belief?
- What does this imply about the initial stages of faith? (i.e., Point #1) How does this also relate to daily Christian life?

Point #2

- Read John 4:48-50. In what way was Jesus pushing the official to a deeper faith in verse 48? Be specific.
- How did the official respond? How does Point #2 relate? How do you need to step into Point #2? How will it feel?

Point #3

- Read John 4:51-54. How did Jesus reveal His power to the official? How does this highlight the truth of Point #3?
- In what way does this also relate to saving faith and becoming a Christian? How does Point #3 encourage you?

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons.

MONDAY // Read John 4:43-47, 2:1-5, 4:1-8

- Why was the official seeking out Jesus? Be specific. What did this highlight about his belief in Jesus?
- What does this also highlight about the initial stages of faith? Why is this important to recognize?
- How does the wedding at Cana and the woman at the well relate? In what way does this help you understand faith?

TUESDAY // Read John 4:43-47, Romans 3:22-27

- Given the official was trying to fill a need when coming to Jesus, how does saving faith have the same dynamic?
- What were the circumstances surrounding your personal journey with Jesus when you considered following Him?
- What connection do you see between "filling a need" and your initial stages of faith? How is it part of the dance?

WEDNESDAY // Read John 4:48-50, Hebrews 11:6, 8-9, 23-25

- Explain the meaning of verse 48. How was Jesus essentially correcting the superficial faith of the official?
- How did the official respond in verse 49? How was he trying to fit Jesus in his mold? Be specific.
- How did Jesus require the official to take a step of faith? What does this teach you about the dance of faith?

THURSDAY // Read John 4:48-50, Hebrews 11:1

- In what way did the official believe in something unknown to him? What does this highlight about faith?
- Why is this critically important for every Christian to recognize? How does Hebrews 11:1 support this truth?
- What does this highlight about how stepping out in faith will feel? What steps of faith is God calling you to take?

FRIDAY // Read John 4:51-54, 2:1-10, 4:13-19

- How did Jesus ultimately reveal His power to the official? In what way was it confirmed?
- In the same way, how did Jesus reveal Himself to His disciples at the wedding and to the woman at the well?
- What does this highlight about the rhythms and dance of faith? How does this encourage you in your faith?

SATURDAY // Read John 4:51-54, Titus 3:4-7, 2 Corinthians 5:17

- Summarize the dance of faith that took place between the official and Jesus. What were the rhythms?
- How do these same rhythms relate to saving faith in Jesus? Be specific. How did this happen to you?
- As you consider your current level of faith, what part of the process can you do a better job of responding to?

MEDITATION VERSE: *Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.*

Hebrews 11:1