

Next Steps

“**Next Steps**” are ideas and opportunities to help you go deeper in your faith. They are different each week and linked to Sunday's message. Below you'll find scriptures to read, questions for reflection, practices to try and opportunities to take action, all to help you become more like Jesus in your relationships with God, the Church, and the world.

September 25, 2022 - You Don't Have What It Takes - You Can't Control Your Future

What part of your future do you try the hardest to control?

When have you had to walk by *faith* and not by *sight*?

Read **Genesis 12:1-9**

- What did Abram have to leave behind?
- What promises did God make to Abram if he left?

Reflect on other times God called people to leave things behind to walk into a new future.

- Moses and the Israelites
- The disciples
- The followers of Jesus in the book of Acts

Were things always easy for them when they walked by faith?

Three things that can cause us to try and control our future:

- A desire to walk by *sight* and not by *faith*
- Fear of failure
- Fear of fully trusting God

Which of these three do you struggle with the most? Why?

How would you answer this question: *What is one thing you would do today if you knew you couldn't fail?*

What fears does this reveal in your life? How are these fears limiting you?

When we don't trust God, we worry. Read **Matthew 6:25-33**.

- What things are you most worried about today?
- How can you place these things and your future in God's hands?

Memorize **Jeremiah 29:11**

"I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."