

## How do we get this kind of faith?

George MacDonald: *"Have I done one single thing today simply because Jesus said to do it?"*

Flyers fly and catchers catch. The flyers must trust with outstretched arms that the catcher will be there.

Three moves for a flyer: Letting go, waiting, being caught.

Waiting is the time when you keep obeying, trusting, and saying yes by holding out your hands.

Faith comes only when someone says, "I'll start with something that Jesus said that I think is true, and I'll actually do what He says. I'll actually let go."  
And wait.

## Small Group Discussion Questions:

1) Pastor John talked about public, private and core convictions. Does your faith feel like a public, private or core conviction? Why?

2) George MacDonald said: "Have I done one single thing today simply because Jesus said to do it?" What is the thing that Jesus wants you to do today (forgive someone, serve someone, give to someone)?

3) What is God asking you to let go of today?

4) How are you doing at waiting for the “Catcher”?



# Redeeming Notes

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James 2:14-24

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5) Share where your “mental map” is being stretched and changed by God.

## What does faith look like?

3 different kinds of convictions

1. Public convictions: What I say I believe
2. Private convictions: What I think I believe
3. Core convictions: What I show or reveal that I really believe

Core convictions are revealed by our actions. These might be called our “mental map”.

*“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if people claim to have faith, but have no deeds? Can such faith save them? Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do. - James 2:14, 18*

Obeying God shouldn't look heroic to you, it should look sane.

The growth of the disciples went like this:

First they had faith in Jesus. Then they began to have the faith of Jesus. Then their mental maps began to look like Jesus' mental map.