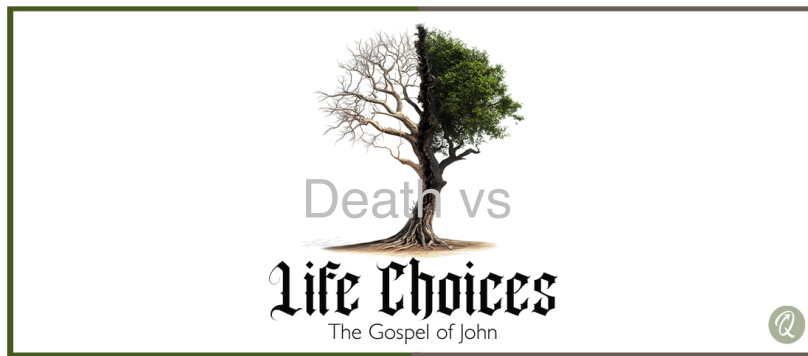




● As our understanding of Jesus increases, our **faith** in Jesus must change.

● Your **faith** in Jesus will define your experience with Jesus.

40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged (begged him) him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. 41 And because of his words many more became believers. John 4:40-41

43 After the two days he left for Galilee. 44 (Now Jesus himself had pointed out that a prophet has no honor in his own country.) (Galilee was where Jesus grew up... They knew about Jesus but had no faith in Jesus) 45 When he arrived in Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him. They had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, for they also had been there. John 4:43-45

The people love the entertainment of the miracles, but not the man who is the **Messiah**.

46 Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. 47 When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death. 48 "Unless you people see signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "you will never believe." 49 The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies." 50 "Go," Jesus replied, "your son will live." The man took Jesus at his word and departed. 51 While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. 52 When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, "Yesterday, at one in the afternoon, the fever left him." 53 Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he and his whole household believed. 54 This was the second sign Jesus performed after coming from Judea to Galilee. John 4:46-54

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A few ways we sabotage a growing faith:

- **Cynical** Faith.
- **Cautious** Faith.
- **Controlling** Faith.
- **Consumer** Faith.
- **Casual** Faith.

How we grow a greater faith:

● Let the **crisis** in your life lead you to a greater **faith** for your life.

"A certain royal official... went to Him and begged Him to come and heal his son, who was close to death." John 4:46-47

● Greater faith develops when we hold onto God's **Word**, not our **feelings**.

In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God... John 1:1

The official said, 'Sir, come down before my child dies.' Jesus replied, 'Go; your son will live.' The man took Jesus at His word and departed." John 4:49-50

"Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1

● Greater faith doesn't **panic** in the process.

"The man took Jesus at His word and departed." John 4:50

● Greater faith is **contagious**.

"Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said, 'Your son will live.' So he and his whole household believed." John 4:53

Addition Notes:

VISION:

**TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE
IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.**

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

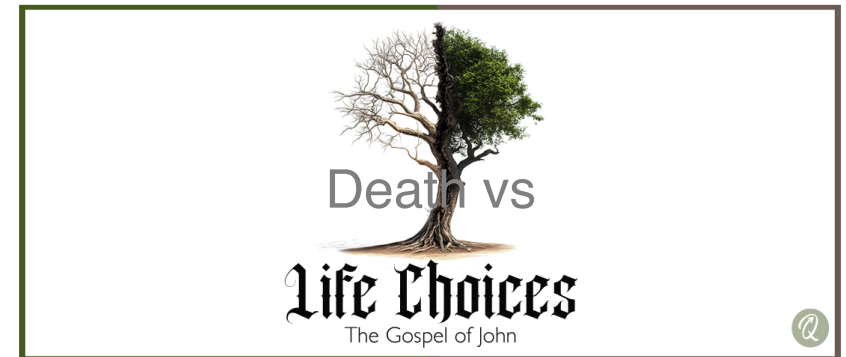
- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain.
- Why does our faith change when our understanding of Jesus changes?
- Why does Jesus call people to a greater faith in Him? How do we benefit from a greater faith in Jesus?
- How does our faith in Jesus define our experience with Jesus?
- People were seeking Jesus out for the miracles, not to worship. Why did this bother Jesus?
- Talk through "the ways we sabotage a growing faith". If you feel comfortable, which of these have you wrestled with?
- Have you ever had a crisis that caused you to turn to God in your desperation? How does going to Jesus increase our faith in Jesus?
- How do we hold on to God's Word rather than our feelings?
- How does a growing faith keep you from panicking?
- What causes our faith to become contagious?

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