**SGA *Building Faith in the Family* Questions – From Pastor Matt Gaw, February 26, 2017**

*Romans 1:11-12 - I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong—****12****that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith.*

**Three parts of growing the faith in your family**

1. Tell stories of your steps of faith
2. Model steps of faith
3. Release others to take steps of faith
4. Who do you interact with that when you see, you tend to be encouraged by their faith? What is it that they do that encourages you?
5. Do you feel you are mutually encouraged by each other’s faith in your church, small group and family? How can you personally take part in developing it?
6. What are your stories of faith in your life? Like David, what are the bears and lions that God has taken you through? Do your family and friends know where God has taken you?
7. When we see acts of faith in scripture and compare it to the way faith is lived in North America, should we be trying to live faith of biblical proportions today? Why or why not? Examples:
* David and Goliath, 1 Samuel 17
* Elijah and the Widow, 1 Kings 17:7-16
* Peter Walking on Water, Matthew 14:22-33
* Esther approaching King Xerxes, Esther 4:11, 15-16
* Peter calling out a cripple and healing him – Acts 3:1-10
1. What are you doing that requires faith? Where do you think God is challenging you to take steps of faith in in your life?

**Conclusion**

We are allowed to have faith but still acknowledge we lack faith. None of us are perfect and we all have ways to grow in faith.

*Mark 9:22-24 - “It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.”*

*“ ‘If you can’?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for one who believes.”*

*Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”*

We are allowed to express our lack of faith and Jesus will still respond to us where we are. Pray together for each other’s faith that you would grow in it to take bigger steps of faith as an individual and as a family or fellowship. Pray for ways that will challenge your faith that when people see what God does, *everyone will know that the Lord rescues his people (1 Samuel 17:47).*