

FIREPROOFING *your life*

Sermon Notes for 02.15.26 ~ Mark 2:2-9

- Defining faith
- Finding faith on the mountaintop
- Finding faith in the valley
- Fireproofing Your Faith

Clarity ~ Commitment ~ Communication
Community ~ Compassion ~ Confidence
Courage ~ Covenant ~ Creativity

Which of these Cs describe your faith right now?

Clarity. Perhaps you need clarity in your relationship with God, Christ, and the Spirit. Read the word of God and hear those wonderful words of life. For example, read Psalm 121 this week – and look up!

Commitment. Perhaps you need to examine your commitment to Christ and his Church. Think about when you first made a commitment to Christ and how you might renew this commitment.

Communication. This is a two-way process. Whether you are in prayer communicating with God or communicating with someone else, practice reflective listening and asking for what you need.

Community. Your commitment to Christ may be affecting your relationship with the community of faith, the church. In relationship with Christ, you are meant to live out your faith in community with others!

Compassion. From time to time, you may experience some compassion fatigue as the concerns of this world can be overwhelming. Demonstrating compassion and care in the name of Christ is essential – keep loving and serving.

Confidence. It is always important to gain reassurance and confidence in your faith. This may involve moving from self-reliance to God-reliance. Think about your faith story and connect the dots of how God has worked in your life.

Courage. Our baptism covenant reminds us how we must renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin. This is a time for courage – to stand up and to speak out against injustice and oppression. Pray for a spirit of boldness, pray for guidance, pray for God's plan, pray to act by faith!

Covenant. This is about what God has done, what God is doing, and what God will do in the future! This is about believing and trusting in God's promises for your life and journey!

Creativity. Think about the ways God, Christ, and Spirit are calling you to engage in mission and ministry in creative and resourceful ways in your home, in the church, and especially in your community right now.

**As you are fireproofing your faith,
which Cs do you need to strengthen
your faith in Christ?**

Carry these **Cs** as growing edges into
your Lenten journey to grow in your faith!