**RISE UP** in 2021

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**GO B.I.G.**

**BIG FAITH**



**Do you believe in a BIG God?**

**GO B.I.G. - Bold In God**

*Now to* ***Him who is able*** *to do* ***far more abundantly*** *beyond all that we* ***ask*** *or* ***think****,* ***according to the power that works within us****, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever.* Amen. Ephesians 3:20–21

Maybe when you drove up this morning, you saw the **3,500 flags** in the field and wondered what they are there for.

Those flags **3,500** flags represent the promises of God. Our BIG God has given us His promises.

Promises like His unconditional love for you …

***For I am sure*** *that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth,* ***nor anything else*** *in all creation,* ***will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord****.* Romans 8:38–39

Or the promise that you will never be alone …

*Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is* ***the LORD your God who goes with you****.* ***He will not leave you or forsake you****.”* Deuteronomy 31:6

The promise that Jesus is your salvation …

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that* ***whoever believes in him*** *should not perish but* ***have eternal life****.* John 3:16

The promise that you belong to God …

***Fear not, for I have redeemed you****; I have called you by name,* ***you are mine****.* Isaiah 43:1–2

or

*I can do all things through him who strengthens me.* Philippians 4:13

or

*But* ***the Lord is faithful****. He will* ***establish you*** *and* ***guard you*** *against the evil one.* 2 Thessalonians 3:3

So God gives us hundreds and hundreds of promises … the question is can He fulfill those promises?

*For* ***all the promises of God******find their Yes in him****. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.* 2 Corinthians 1:20

**Here’s the thing** … every promise in God’s word finds its yes in Jesus!

Do you have confidence in a **BIG God** who keeps His word to you?

Big faith is not about making something **easy** ... it is about making something **possible**.

**BIG Faith** - Confidence in a God who is **faithful**.

If Jesus looked at your faith, would he be amazed at how **big**, **bold**, and **audacious** it is?

Does God want you to have **big** faith … or **little** faith?

*But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you,* ***O you of little faith?*** Matthew 6:30

*For* ***the promise*** *to Abraham and his offspring that he would be* ***heir of the world*** *did not* ***come*** *through the law but* ***through the righteousness of faith****.* Romans 4:13

*for we walk by faith, not by sight.* 2 Corinthians 5:7

**Growing BIG Faith in a BIG God**

1. It begins when God gives you a **dream.**

*Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations.* Genesis 17:4

2. You have to **decide** how to pursue God’s dream for you.

*But* ***let him ask in faith****, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a* ***double-minded*** *man,* ***unstable*** *in all his ways.* James 1:6–8

3. You have to patiently wait through setbacks and **delays**.

*For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie.* ***If it seems slow, wait for it****; it will surely come; it will not delay.* Habakkuk 2:3

4. You find yourself facing all kinds of **difficulties**.

*In this you rejoice,* ***though now for a little while****, if necessary,* ***you have been grieved by various trials****, so that the tested genuineness of your* ***faith****—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.* 1 Peter 1:6–7

5. Only to arrive at a **dead-end**.

*… we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But* ***that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead****.* 2 Corinthians 1:8–9

6. You experience God’s provision and **deliverance**.

*I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!* Psalm 27:13

**Write on the board** a praise, a promise, a dream, a prayer for deliverance, a statement of your faith, trust and confidence in God to make the dreams he has given you come true. Go BIG in your faith be **Bold In God – dream big and trust.**