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Main Points

Unprecedented times create an unprecedented opportunity to grow unprecedented faith.

Defining moments can either grow or weaken our faith.

How we interpret events determines whether they grow or weaken our faith.

God's love and care for us is not dependent on us or what happens to us.

When life happens, how do you choose to view God?

If Jesus really is our shepherd, then we can really trust that we have all we need.

God uses difficult situations to show us we can trust him.

Every unprecedented time is an opportunity to see God's unprecedented love pursuing us.

How do we allow these circumstances to grow our faith?

1. <u>Question God</u>: The questions we ask determine the perspectives we have.

2. <u>Walk with others</u>: The people we walk with tend to shape our perspective.

Circumstances can either weaken our faith or become opportunities to grow it... the difference is in our perspective.

Is Jesus your shepherd?

A real faith chooses to see the real shepherd at work in the middle of real life.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Besides the metaphor of sheep and shepherd, what is an analogy that represents how you see your/our relationship with God?
- 2. Read Jesus' words in John 10. What stands out to you in Jesus' descriptions of himself as it pertains to the idea of us choosing to trust him?
- 3. What is keeping you or tends to keep you from trusting Jesus as your shepherd? How can your group pray for you in this?

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