

startingpoint

— the series —

PART 7: Don't Stop

INTRODUCTION

The ability to believe is the most powerful force at mankind's disposal. Everything that has been done, for good or bad, was done because someone believed it could be or should be done. Every problem that has been solved was solved because someone believed it could be or should be solved.

We constantly look for evidence to support what we believe is true. In the case of religious belief, that means if you believe deeply enough any religious system becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. If that's true, isn't it possible that Christianity is just an example of groupthink on a massive scale?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is something you were once afraid to do that you don't think twice about now? What changed?
2. Is trusting in someone or something without knowing all the facts easy or hard for you? Why?
3. In the message, Andy said, *"The ability to believe is the most powerful force at mankind's disposal."* Do you agree? Why or why not?
4. Did you find parts of Andy's message disturbing? If so, which parts and why?
5. How has your faith grown or changed over the years?
6. What does having faith in Jesus mean to you?

MOVING FORWARD

Christians believe that when you place your faith in Christ's death, that single act of faith leads to forgiveness of sin. And that is why we said from the very beginning that the starting point for the Christian faith is a question: *Who Is Jesus?*

A single event—the resurrection—changed how those closest to Jesus answered that question. In a moment, they went from unbelief to belief—the moment they saw him risen.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

Acts 17:31b