

## Faith Points

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Here is a story told by a pastor and friend:

Several years ago he was visiting with a man who lost his wife to cancer. It had been a tough time, and now after the funeral he was facing the continuing issue of grief. When the pastor asked how he was doing, the man answered, "I guess this is one of those **Faith Points** in life." When the pastor inquired about his use of the term "Faith Points," he explained, "We all face points in our life when we discover whether or not our faith is really real. When things are going well, faith is easy. But these Faith Points are times when we discover that we need our faith to point the way."

For our church, these are tough times to conduct a stewardship campaign and to plan for the future. We are all wondering whether the typical year-end giving which sustains our church budget will happen this year. Two questions come to my mind. First, will our people be faithful during tough times, as happened during the Great Depression? Second, will our generation prove to be selfish and unwilling to share our limited resources? We have had it too good for too long, and no one can predict how people will react to tough times.

At this time in the life of Campbell UMC, this is our Faith Point. It is a time that will test our faith, to let us know if what we have said we believe is really real, or if those were just words. "Teach me the way, Lord." Perhaps this Faith Point will teach us to rely upon our faith in God to point the way, to teach us that life is not all about our abilities and achievements; it is about trusting God.