

Why This Pastor Says the 'Word of Faith' Movement Does Not Align With Scripture

Pastor Michael Todd from Transformation Church shared about how it's difficult for him sometimes, as a father, when he has to take his child to therapy and doesn't know if his child will be able to talk to him. He says that, though some Christians may believe in the "word of faith" movement (which says if we declare healing, we'll always receive healing), God doesn't work that way.

"God is not offended by your questions; He is not detoured by your doubt. I know I'm messing with some people's theology because, 'No, we're going to speak in faith, we're going to talk in faith,'" Todd says. "That just means nothing real has ever happened to you—keep living; it will. And at that moment when you need God to show up for you, what are you gonna do?"

Todd says it's inevitable that, when hard times come, our faith will be tested. We'll have questions and doubts, but God will meet us where we are and help us through those dark valleys.

"A lot of us in here are like, 'We got crazy faith,' but if you go to the house and you pull up your bills, or when you look at your relationship status over the past 13 years, a lot of times we can have faith in an area but in another area, our faith is fading," Todd says. " ... [We may think] *I tried to do it right, I tried to live in purity, I tried to marry the right one and save myself, but now we can't have kids.* ... There's some stuff in this fallen world that comes to our doorstep that is going to challenge everything you believe. ...

"Fading faith attracts God's crazy grace. ... God is saying that no matter how low you are right now, His grace [and]

unmerited, unearned, undeserved favor and kindness will meet you at the depths of your doubt.”

To find more about growing in your faith by walking through trials, watch the entire sermon [here](#).