- 1. Navigating the Culture of Apathy
  - a. Apathy: Lack of interest, enthusiasm, concern; indifference
- 2. The Church at Laodicea--Revelation 3:14--22 (explanation of hot/cold reference from book. Jesus is calling on them to have remarkable faith)
- 3. (Quote from Richards and O'Brian from their book--offering another way to interpret the hot/cold aspect of this text)
- 4. Core Issues of Apathy (two quotes)
  - a. Faith is not prioritized (elevate other values over the kingdom, Christ and his church--now half of the church only spends time with God's family one hour a week--does not see the need to integrate Christ in any deeper way--just keep it all on the surface)
  - b. Fully rely on self (Laodicea's problem. Too busy with our stuff to focus on God's will)
  - c. Fear is overemphasized (which pushes status quo--not growth)
  - d. Freshness is burned out (got nothing left for Christ--no passion. It is spent on other things)
- 5. The Call for Remarkable Faith (from the text)
  - a. Elevate God's Will Above All (this takes eyes to see--put the salve of the spirit on our eyes to be able to discern what is genuinely of value and what is not)
  - b. Never Settle for Mediocrity (instead insist on the riches of God)
  - Primarily self-identify with Christ (putting him on--wearing his clothes-which makes it obvious to all where our passions are--wearing his jersey, logo--etc)
- 6. Jesus Invites Us to Decide (standing not at the door knocking--asking us to hear; Actually it is a wake up call--wake up our passion and desire to serve God first; wake up to our own indifference and commit to rekindle our spiritual fires; wake up to repentance and once again allow God to strengthen us--instead of trying to do it all ourselves. Bottom line--mediocre, lukewarm, indifferent faith is unacceptable and not digestible to God)