

FAITH CATALYSTS

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PRACTICAL TEACHING

One of the most important values we have, is that we aim to say things on Sunday that will help people on Monday. That's because living a God-powered life is not about information, it's about transformation, and practical teaching is the catalyst to transformation.

Luke 6:46-48 (NIV) "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock."

Which of God's teachings am I practicing?

Faith fires up when we:

1. Come to Jesus

Luke 6:47 "...as for everyone who comes to me..."

John 5:2-5 Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda[a] and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. 3 Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. [4] [b] 5 One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.

Luke 4:38-40 Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. 39 So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them. 40 At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them.

James 4:8a "Come near to God and he will come near to you."

2. Hear **His** Words

Luke 6:47 "... and hears my words..."

Luke 8:17-18 For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open. Therefore consider carefully how you listen. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they think they have will be taken from them."

There are 3 people from whom we try to hide things:

- Ourselves
- Others
- God

3. Put them into Practice

Luke 6:47 "...and puts them into practice."

James 2:20-24 ...do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend.

You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.

Which of God's teachings am I practicing?

Practical teaching will catalyse your faith. As you come each week, hear what God is saying to you through the message, and then come Monday put it into practice... you will experience a life-changing deepening of your faith and confidence in God.

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