

REAL FAITH...

- "If someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it." 1 Pet. 3:15
- "Faith is believing in someone or something even when there is no physical proof to back up that belief."
- "Real faith happens at the intersection of where our head, our heart, and our hands meet."

1 – Real faith is more than the _____ we say

[JESUS] "Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter." Matt. 7:21

"What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone?" Jas. 2:14

2 – Real faith is more than the _____ we feel

"The human heart is the most deceitful of all things." Jer. 17:9

"Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see." Heb. 11:1

"To believe something is to be persuaded that it is true."

3 – Real faith is more than an _____

"If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved." Rom. 10:9-10

"You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. How foolish! Can't you see that faith without good deeds is useless?" Jas. 2:19-20

5 – Real faith reveals itself in the _____ we face

"When I am afraid, I will put my trust in you." Ps. 56:3

"God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline." 2 Tim. 4:7

6 – Real faith reveals itself in what we DO

"Don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves." Jas 1:22

- _____ and _____ on the Word of God

"Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, 'Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well'—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? Faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless." James 2:15-17

7 – Real faith reveals itself in who we _____

"Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did." 1 John 2:6

"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." John 13:34-35

- _____ and _____ like Jesus

8 – Real faith reveals itself in who we are _____

"God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son." Rom. 8:29

"The Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image." 2 Cor. 3:18

THE GOOD NEWS OF THE "GOOD NEWS"

"This is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth." John 17:3

"We don't have to look exactly like Jesus today or tomorrow; we just have to look more like Him than we do right now." GW

➔ **Who we are _____ is not who we have to end up _____**
Jesus's invitation: "Come, follow me..."