



Pt 1: Making It Personal || Episode 26 || September 13, 2020

Main Points

If what Jesus Followers say is true *is true*, there should be proof.

Faith is a choice. We can choose to grow and mature our faith.

The faith we possess is the direct result of the actions we choose to take.

Developing a personal, mature faith is a process:

1. *Pray on our own: Faith matures through dialogue.*
2. *Read on our own: Faith grows with understanding*
3. *Give away what we own: Faith matures through experience*

Faith is trusting that God is who he says he is and will do what he says he will do.

1 Week Plan: Pray every day.* Read every day.** Give at the end of the week.

A mature faith nourishes your life and the lives of those around you.

* Sample Prayer

"Thank you God for what you have given me. I'm concerned about ____ today. Please show me who you are. Please show me how to love better today."
(Then wait and listen)

****DOWNLOAD BIBLE READING TIPS:**

www.yourcrosscreek.com/media/bible-reading.pdf

Discussion Questions

1. When you hear the word "faith," what do you think of? Share an example or analogy to illustrate.
2. Head over to openbible.info/topics/faith. Which passage(s) stands out to you? How do you think this relates to what Jon said about growing our faith?
3. This week's opportunity to grow in faith includes pray, read, give. Are there any barriers for you in these three actions? Why do you think that is? How can your group pray for you in growing your faith this week.

"Show Notes" Resources with Links:

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Additional Resources / Books on this topic:

- What a good Bible reading plan?
- How to the Bible (videos)
- Reading the Bible (Andy Stanley)

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Message-Specific Resources

Pray

Free Download- Sample Prayer wallpaper or printable

Family Prayer App

What Jesus said about prayer- Luke 11:1-12

Read

Try a Gospel (Mark or John), a chapter a day
Free Download: Crosscreek Bible Reading Tips (PDF)

Article: "How do I read the bible?"

Blue Letter Bible (study notes, dig deeper)

Give

American Red Cross

United Way Mid-Valley

Hurricane Laura relief

Marion Polk Foodshare