

DISCIPLINED FAITH
Refueled – Part 5

ON TV: Discipline

ON TV: We never regret discipline or good habits, but initially, we resist.

ON TV: Discipline facilitates progress.

ON TV: Discipline requires delayed gratification, which is doing what we ought to do now, so we can do what we want to do later.

ON TV: “Follow me.”

ON TV: “Believe in me.”

ON TV: What would I do if I were absolutely confident that God was with me?

ON TV: What creates and helps us maintain and grow that kind of amazing, real-world faith?

ON TV: Practical Faith Building Application

ON TV: Because when we actually do what we feel like our Heavenly Father wants us to do, we then experience God’s faithfulness on the other side of that decision to obey. Our act faith intersects with His faithfulness and our faith gets bigger.

ON TV: Personal Ministry

ON TV: God-sent relationships

ON TV: Spiritual Disciplines

ON TV: Discipline builds our faith.

ON TV: Our personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

ON TV: If there is not a personal side to your faith, and you just go through the motions, over time, it just becomes a “check a box” and over time, you can become critical, cynical, and judgmental.

ON TV: We’re no longer following. We’re just Christian. It’s not personal. It’s not intimate.

ON TV: Because the personal side of Christianity is what releases the Kingdom of God in our life.

ON TV: Is Jesus really the Lord of my life or is this just something I believe?

ON TV: Daily Devotions, Percentage Giving and Corporate Worship.

ON TV/OUTLINE: “But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen...” Matthew 6:6a

ON TV/OUTLINE: “15 Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sickness. 16 But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.” Luke 5:15-16

ON TV/OUTLINE: “35 Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. 36 Simon and his companions went to look for him, 37 and when they found him, they exclaimed: ‘Everyone is looking for you!’” Mark 1:35-37

ON TV: It informs our conscience.

ON TV: This is a faith thing.

ON TV: Percentage Giving

ON TV: This is not about money; its about our confidence and faith in God.

ON TV/OUTLINE: “31 So, *do not worry* saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your Heavenly Father knows that you need them.” Matthew 6:31-32

ON TV: Do you believe Jesus?

ON TV/OUTLINE: “But *seek first his kingdom* and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:33

ON TV: Giving a **percentage upfront**, pre-decided, disciplined **giving**, exercises our faith because it involves letting go of what we are most inclined to put our confidence in, rather than God.

ON TV/OUTLINE: “*No one can serve two masters*. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.” Matthew 6:24

ON TV: Are we going to trust God or are we to trust our stuff?

ON TV: The number one contender for our loyalty is our **financial security**.

ON TV: My money is mine.

ON TV: Why?

ON TV: Corporate Worship.

ON TV/OUTLINE: “For where two or three gather in my name, there *I am with them*.” Matthew 18:20

ON TV: We’re forced to give up a bit of our **autonomy**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: “Now *you* are the body of Christ and each of you is a part of it.” 1 Corinthians 12:27

ON TV: We’re all part of this community, but we have to **choose to participate** in the community.

ON TV/OUTLINE: “*Seek first the Kingdom of God....*” Matthew 6:33a

ON TV: I want you to give to Him...

- The **first minutes** of your day.
- The **first dollars** of your income.
- The **first day** of the week.