

## #WE Believe...

### Father God

09:55 am **5 Min. Countdown - VIDEO**

10:00 am \*\*LIVE Worship –

10:25 am \*\*LIVE In House Welcome –

WELCOME to The Peak CC      Welcome our Church Online Platform –

We are so glad you could join us as we worship the Lord & expound on His Word.

If this is your 1st time or perhaps you've been with us before but haven't engaged... Please fill out

\*Online Connect Card \*      -> RightNow Media

10:30 AM **\*\*Announcements Video** - Tithing

10:32am LIVE SHOT – Welcome - Pastor Self Intro -

The Peak Journey: 9am Sundays @ Balcony - Breakfast & Talk

Sunday School: 1st things 1st 9am Sundays 2nd floor.

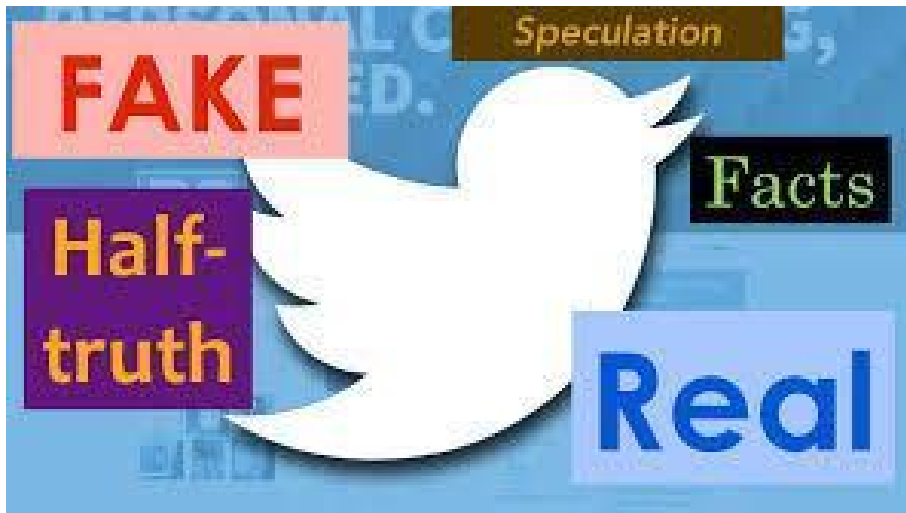
Home Groups 7pm Mon Nights - 7/3/2023 - Sam Awuku moving HYBRID / DIGITAL

Men's Fellowship 8:30 am 1st & 3rd Saturday - Breakfast

STAY TUNED : The PEAK Journey next outreach Sept 30th Cliff Climbing

Pre-planning HARVEST FEST RIVERFRONT Oct 28th.  
Praying, fasting, volunteering. - please reach out evelin@

In a world of fb , instagram , twitter



Where opinions & speculations along with short sightedness, personal interests, all this confusion turns TRUTH into *distortion*

What should be Objective becomes subjective ....

Half truths being tweeted out by the thousands of people... pictures, whose stories are altered by photoshop or misrepresented by twisted words that would feed a desired narrative...

*What do you believe?? How Why.... DO YOU BELIEVE IT?*

Can you believe it? trust it? Really trust it?



**How can you distinguish the TRUTH from the Lies.... How can your truth & my truth be different from the Truth, .... IF there is only 1 TRUTH??**

**Post Truth?? Like certain things become true after the fact??**

**Like Paul who we learned last week .. who thought he was walking righteously as a Jew in truth.... UNTIL he encountered THE TRUTH... & then He was officially WOKE**



But then the things you *think* you know because, you've read it in a trust worthy source... *like in school....* Has been deliberately altered to accommodate someone else's interests.

History books are altered... people rewrite narratives or inject personal opinions, view points... & pass them off as FACTS... & or just purposely kill truth in history by silencing it & not speaking of it.

There's Truth that can disappear into the shadows of history whenever we silence it.

*What's your TRUTH family?*

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE ?? *WHY do we believe it??*

*As Christian's, should we NOT ALL be united as ONE in Christ as He is One in the Father??*

Today we are seeing the rapid decline of the church all over the Western world. The philosophies of the day have infiltrated the pulpits and Clergymen are trying to build His Church using man's systems...

It's true that we do see some mega church's being birthed & TV ministries broadcasting internationally. *We've even seen KANYE flip the script...* 65,000 young people worshipping in a stadium to usher in the New Year.

And while seeing some of these *growth spurts* is great.... As one who is extremely concerned with people's souls.... Can't help but wonder...

How much of it is TRUE?? How authentic is it? Is it a FEEL-GOOD religion? or a deep personal relationship with the Living God? Is it a *mile wide & an inch deep*? Or is His Presence manifest in EVERY arena of their lives?

**And we can't ignore the statistics... over 1000 Pastors quit the ministry every year. The Church's overall attendance is in a continual decline. More churches close than open every year. Those that are still going to church are becoming increasingly biblically illiterate.**

**We cannot overlook the fact that this decline has come about largely as a result of the church's acceptance of the day's philosophies, evolution, and thousands of years of influence.**

**And there has been an appeal to the church to accept the philosophy of the day, and this is not new to modern times.**



**& I'm NOT talking about I-pads, Contemporary Worship, or fashionable clothing... in this aspect Christ transcends culture ..... it's a matter of the heart... A MATTER OF WHAT YOU HOLD TRUE**

**The Apostle Paul understood the challenge that philosophy or “fake news” posed to the church in his day.**

**\*\*1 Tim 4: 1-3**            NKJV

**4 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, <sup>2</sup> speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, <sup>3</sup> forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.<sup>1</sup>**

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<sup>1</sup> [The New King James Version](#). (1982). (1 Ti 4:1–3). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

**<sup>6</sup>If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed. <sup>7</sup>But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness.<sup>2</sup>**

**So primarily for this purpose,... in about 150 AD..... approximately 115 years after the death of Jesus...**

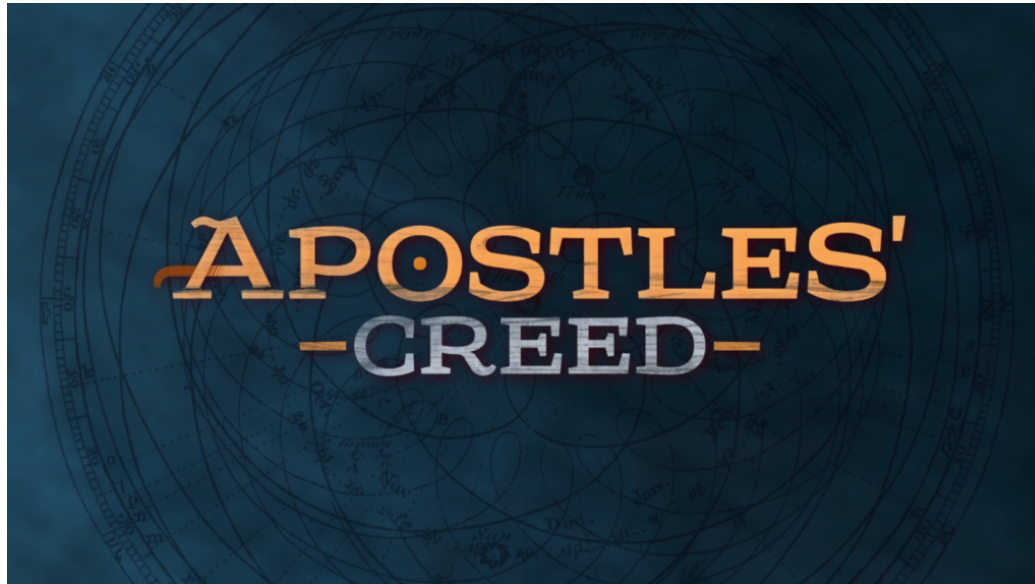
**(could have been written by the grandchildren of the apostles)**

**Those early church Fathers sat down to write a doctrine that would *contain a brief summary of their teachings.***

**I would like to present to you .... What's known as The Apostles Creed**

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<sup>2</sup> [The New King James Version](#). (1982). (1 Ti 4:6–7). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.



**This is one of the only doctrines “Outside of Scripture” that collapses time & space, uniting all TRUE believers in the One, Holy, and Apostolic Faith.**

**Albert Mohler Jr. wrote :**

***“All Christians believe more than what’s contained in The Apostles Creed, but NONE can believe less.”***

*It sets forth our doctrine "in sublime simplicity, in unsurpassable brevity, in beautiful order, and with liturgical solemnity*

*More than any other Christian creed, it may justly be called an ecumenical symbol of faith, -John MacArthur*

**Because every early denomination adheres to the words of the creed... From the Orthodox Church, to the Roman Catholic Church, to the Reformed & Protestant Churches ALL have adopted the Apostles Creed in one way or another.**

**Look at the person next to you and tell them the name of our new sermon series....**

**I BELIEVE....**

**Through the lens of the Apostles Creed we will learn .... Beyond a shadow of a doubt ..... what we as Christians BELIEVE..... & ..... WHY we believe it through the proof of scripture...**

## **Opening Prayer**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended to heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy UNIVERSAL catholic\* church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places. UNIVERSAL**

Now look at your “*other neighbor*” & tell them the Title of this message in our new series

## *F a t h e r      G O D*

*I Believe....* Those are powerful words EXPOUND

We enter the faith and find eternal life in Christ by responding to the truth of Christ by what we Believe –

There is NO Christianity w/o Belief ..... *it's the essence of FAITH..*

The BIBLE is our only sufficient source and unerring rule of faith.

It should be the Christians automatic reflex to always turn to scriptures for teaching, direction, & correction in life.

**The Bible has been shown to be w/o error, totally trustworthy & TRUE. When we read the NT, we find a faith that was handed down to the apostles by CHRIST HIMSELF, they were then taught & passed down to us.... 2000 years later.. We still have it along with the scriptures... THIS IS WHAT WE HOLD TRUE!**

**From the earliest beginnings the church faced the dual challenge of affirming the truth and confronting error.**

**Christians Must stand firm and stand together on the essential truths of the scripture.**

**In the *CREDO* we see the very essence & foundation of what the people of God believe. – What they have *always* believed**



**We do not put our trust & hope in an “ordinary” god, or a worldly god. Or a God that we can’t know and is obscure or foreign to us. Pop spirituality floods people with self-help conferences, best-selling books, & television talk shows & podcasts.**

**These fools speak about the supernatural, the sacred, the mystical, and try to speak of what is holy, divine & unconditional God in vague, nondescript ambiguous terms.**

**These evasive, generalized terms for God amount to little more than flimsy idolatries. & it has diluted itself into the modern day church.**

**According to the scriptures, everyone knows that God exists even if they claim to reject that knowledge.**

**\*\*Romans 1:19-23** NKJV

<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, <sup>19</sup> because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. <sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, <sup>21</sup> because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Professing to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> [The New King James Version](#). (1982). (Ro 1:18–23). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

**Instead of turning to the God who has revealed himself in creation men make idols for themselves and deny God's very existence... a conviction the Bible condemns as complete foolishness**

**\*\*Psalm 14:1-3**      NKJV

**<sup>1</sup> The fool has said in his heart, "*There is no God.*"**

**They are corrupt,**

**They have done abominable works,**

**There is none who does good.**

**<sup>2</sup> The Lord looks down from heaven upon the children of men,**

**To see if there are any who understand, who seek God.**

**<sup>3</sup> They have all turned aside,**

**They have together become corrupt;**

***There is none who does good,***

**No, not one.<sup>4</sup>**

**Calvin described the human heart in its fallen state as a “perpetual factory of idols”**

**That’s why the Christian faith is marked by the confession of God, the Father Almighty.**

**As the Apostles Creed begins**

***Credo in Deum Patrem Omnipotentem or***

***I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY.***

**The Christian faith is not established on some abstract deity or on “some god”**

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<sup>4</sup> [The New King James Version](#). (1982). (Ps 14:1–3). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

The content of the Christian faith begins with the affirmation of the God *who is, who spoke, and who revealed Himself.*

As we will see & identify this Triune God ... AKA The Holy Trinity



The first Person of the Trinity has revealed Himself as *Father*

He is NOT a force or principal, or a “Higher Power”, He chosen to reveal Himself as the Father Of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The revelation of God as Father goes all the way back into the Old Testament

**\*\*Duet 32:6-7a**

<sup>5</sup> “They have corrupted themselves;

*They are* not His children,

Because of their blemish:

A perverse and crooked generation.

<sup>6</sup> Do you thus deal with the Lord,

**O foolish and unwise people?**

***Is He not your Father, who bought you?***

**Has He not made you and established you?**

**<sup>7</sup> “Remember the days of old,**

**Consider the years of many generations.<sup>5</sup>**

**\*\* Psalm 68:5** NKJV

**<sup>5</sup> A Father of the fatherless, a defender of widows,**

***But the complete revelation of God as Father only comes with the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.***

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<sup>5</sup> [The New King James Version](#). (1982). (Dt 32:5–7). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

The word “Father” doesn’t make us think of some distant, unknowable deity. But a God with whom we have a personal relationship with

**\*\*Matthew 6:9-10** NKJV

**<sup>9</sup> In this manner, therefore, pray:**

**Our Father in heaven,**

**Hallowed be Your name.**

**<sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come.**

**Your will be done**

**On earth as *it is* in heaven.**

**But He’s not just revealed as our Father.... He’s our Father *ALMIGHTY***

**El Shaddai, the God who is ALL POWERFULL**



**This is a title that represents all of God's attributes;  
Omnipotent, Omniscient, Omnipresent, Self-Existing, Immutable**

**Id like to ask if there is anyone here who does not yet know the Lord and  
wants to receive His Grace this morning?**

**Have you recognized Him as your Father... Does your soul feel orphaned?**

**Come up here... right here, we'll make room.... This will be quick... everyone  
else.... Prayerful...**

***Closing Prayer:***

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**Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV)**

**<sup>24</sup> “The Lord bless you  
and keep you;**

**<sup>25</sup> the Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you;**

**<sup>26</sup> the Lord turn his face toward you  
and give you peace.”**

**I bless you church, In the Name of the Father, Son, & His Holy Spirit.... As a child of God ...  
live out your Religion.... Not in word alone.... BUT IN ACTION.... Let your life be HIS  
message!!!**

**God bless you church... See you next week... or hopefully sooner.. ☺**