

5 Things God Uses To Grow Your Faith: Practical Teaching

Knowledge and Faith are only useful if you apply it. The same is true in our walk with God. In this series conclusion we hear Jesus's famous Sermon on the Mount. We learn that He doesn't want us to worry, but to trust that He loves us and will meet our needs. Jesus concludes His Sermon on the Mount with the parable of the wise man that builds his house upon the rock. We see that like this man, when we apply what we know from the Bible our faith grows and we are ready for the storms that life brings.

Series review

Faith simply means to take God at his word.

Week 1 Personal Ministry: doing your part and letting God do the rest.

Week 2 Private Disciplines: creating intentional habits.

Week 3 Pivotal Circumstances: viewing events in your life through a different lens.

Week 4 Providential Relationships: recognizing God puts people in your life to help you.

Week 5 Practical Teaching: applying what the Bible says.

1. Thinking back on the last 5 weeks, which message spoke the most to you and why?
2. How has your faith grown as a result of what you have learned and applied to your life?

Read Matthew 5:25:

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is life not more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?"

3. If Jesus was talking to you what would he say? "Do not worry about" (fill in the blank)
_____.

4. Why do you think Jesus thought it so important to tell his disciples (and you and me): "Do not worry"?

Read Matthew 6:26-27:

"Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life?"

Lets unpack this last question Jesus asks.

5. What would your life look like, feel like if you didn't worry about _____? (fill in the blank)
6. Why do we default to knowledge and not application when worry creeps in?

Jesus concluded the Sermon on the mount with a story.
Have someone look up and read Matthew 7:24-27

The storm didn't care whether the house was build on the rock or the sand, it was coming and was going to take everything in its path out.

7. What does this look like in your own life?

8. In the message we learn that it's the application of what God teaches us in His word that makes all the difference. Share a time when you applied what God was teaching you? What difference did it make in your life?

Conclusion

When thinking about these 5 things, our choice is in the application. We can choose to do our part and let God do the rest. We can create intentional habits with our time and money. We can view things from a different lens. We can allow people to help us. We can choose to apply what the Bible says. And when we do these things our faith will grow in big ways.

Prayer

Spend time praying with your group asking God to help you choose to apply what you have learned through these 5 things.