SERIES: EMPOWERED FAITH-Living a faith that changes everything

FAITH THAT SHOWS UP

GENUINE FAITH IS VISIBLE IN HOW WE LIVE

October 18, 2026 Pastor Juan Vasquez

Teaching Question:
If someone watched my life, would they see evidence of my faith?

FAITH SHOWS UP IN WHAT WE DO

I Thessalonians 1:2-3 (ESV)
We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Because I trust God, there are things I will do differently.

Love isn't always convenient.

Circumstances won't always be easy, keep going.

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I Thessalonians 1:4-6 (ESV)
For we know, brothers loved by God, that He has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit,

Jesus didn't come just to inform us, He came to transform us.

II Timothy 1:7 (NASB)
For God has not given us a spirit of timidity,
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For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything.

Our faith should become contagious.

The Gospel comes to us, changes us, and then goes through us.

FAITH SHOWS UP IN WHAT WE TURN FROM AND TURN TOWARD

I Thessalonians 1:9-10 (ESV)
For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Biblical Repentance:
"I'm leaving this behind, so I can follow Jesus more fully"

Today's message is not "Try harder", it's "Turn to Jesus".

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