

## Talk It Over

## Everyday Faith

### SMALL TALK

1. What is the most important thing you learned from your parents?

### VIEWPOINT

2. **READ Hebrews 11:6.** What phrases are used to show what “everyday faith” looks like? Which verbs and describing words strike you?
3. **READ Deuteronomy 6:1-9.** What did God direct Moses to teach the Israelites (6:1)? For what very important reason (6:2)? What was the goal for the heart (6:5)? Where are these commandments to be? (6:6) What were parents to do to make this possible?
4. **READ Luke 9:23; Hebrews 3:13.** Why must a disciple learn how to deny themselves? What does it mean for a disciple to take up their cross daily and follow Jesus?

### GETTING PERSONAL

5. What do you think of the statement, “Everyday faith is a MUST”?
6. What do you think about the statement, “Followers of Jesus look to mentors of everyday faith and look to mentor everyday faith?”
7. What do you think about the statement: “... the lifestyle you choose for yourself will either reflect a trust in God’s commandments or it will reflect a trust in this world’s values. When you make God’s commandments your life principles, your everyday faith will shine like a light in a world of darkness.”

### MAKING PROGRESS

8. One of our core statements is: “Followers say, ‘Follow me.’” What everyday faith steps can you take today? Tomorrow? This week?

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### Theme Verse For The Series

*Hebrews 11:6 (NIV) And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*

### I. God REWARDS faith that EARNESTLY SEEKS him

I love this truth.

#### QUESTION

What does it look like to earnestly seek God?

This series helps answer that question.

**Everyday Faith is a faith that earnestly seeks God every day in everyday ways. Daily, and in everything.**

1. EVERYDAY FAITH
2. WORSHIP
3. WORD
4. WITNESS

- This series is designed to help move people from a Sunday faith to an Everyday faith.
- This series helps us move from the limited mentality of “We go to church” to a the fully leveraged mentality of “We are the church”.
- This series helps us move from a world wide web (www) online connected church experience to Worship Word and Witness (WWW) spiritually connected Everyday Faith experiences.

- This series motivates movement away from merely a private inward faith to an outward action oriented faith.

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## **II. Make God's guiding principles YOURS by HEART**

Could he have made it any more clear that faith is supposed to be connected to everyday life? And God wants his thinking to become our thinking, and he shows us how this can become a reality for us.

**His thoughts don't become our thoughts until it is impressed upon our hearts.**

We need to learn God's commandments and know them by heart! Why is this important? If we don't know God's commandments, and God's principles by heart we will say things like:

*"I deserve better than this."*

*"I'm just looking out for number one."*

*"Surely God doesn't expect me to stay in this unhappy relationship. He wants me to be happy."*

*"I'll show you...you will be sorry. "*

These may sound reasonable in our world, but these thoughts are far from God's way of thinking. These statements are lies straight from the pit of Hell, lies of the devil, whispered into our hearts in the middle of a conflict to move us in the wrong direction. When we think wrongly we exchange commands and principles of the way of Jesus, his operating system, for the World's Operating System. If you program ourselves to the wrong operating system,

we follow the wrong guide straight into darkness, division, and distraction from God's Kingdom!

**A. IMPRESS them on your CHILDREN**

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QUESTION:

Have you ever been **impressed** with the behavior of children?  
Have you ever been **impressed** with a child's faith, attitude, and kindness?

This is more likely to happen where parents consistently “**impress**” upon their children God's commandments. Before we talk about how this is done we need to address a common misunderstanding.

**But Aren't we Under Grace Not Law**

Before you take exception to focusing on *commandments* by thinking “But I thought we are no longer under law but under grace.” Thinking, “Isn't this legalistic?”

Jesus ushered us into the relationship of grace, but he did not teach us to leave obedience to commandments out of that equation.

*Matthew 7:24 (NIV2011) “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.*

Jesus taught us to obey his commands and the apostles got it!!

*1 John 2:3-6 (NIV2011) {3} We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. {4} Whoever says, “I*

*know him,” **but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person.** {5} **But if anyone obeys his word,** love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: {6} **Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.***

We are no longer under the Mosaic old covenant system which Jesus fulfilled, but we do still obey **commandments**. Jesus is our King with authority and commandments.

***Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV2011) {18} Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. {19} Therefore go and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, {20} and **teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.** And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”***

Let's be more intentional about this.

#### **PARENTS:**

- We are to live our lives restored in the image of God through Jesus.
- Then our children have the best chance to become little reflected images of who we are in Christ.
  - They will mirror our words and attitudes. This is true no matter how we are doing, good or bad.
  - If we are angry frequently, they are likely to be angry frequently.
  - If we smile frequently, they are likely to smile frequently.
  - If we talk quietly in our house, they are more likely to speak quietly in the house.
  - If we laugh often, they will learn to laugh often.

- You get the idea. This is everyday faith in the context of your home.

**Spouses** you influence your spouse powerfully when you allow the Holy Spirit to influence you powerfully. This is everyday faith.

**Singles**, the lifestyle you choose for yourselves will either reflect a trust in God's commandments or it will reflect a trust in this world's values. When you make God's commandments your life principles, your everyday faith will shine like a light in a world of darkness.

[The 30 day Everyday Faith challenge will include a Memory challenge]

[IMPRESS them on your CHILDREN](#)

**B. Use everyday CUES to TALK about them**

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So, make sure your faith is everyday faith by using everyday cues

- when you sit at home together
- while you walk or drive together
- when you go to bed
- when you get up

**Children come with a built in baloney detector.** If you haven't actually had God's principles and commandments "impressed upon your hearts" but you are trying to "impress them on your kids hearts", they will eventually see right through it. So make sure that

if you want Everyday Faith for your children, you are living out an Everyday Faith.

Use these everyday cues for you then use everyday cues for your children!

### III. Everyday faith is a MUST

*Luke 9:23 (NIV2011) Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.*

*Hebrews 3:13 (NIV2011) But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.*

#### **His Mission Is Our Mission: “Make Disciples”**

Everyday followers of Jesus look to mentors of everyday faith and look to mentor everyday faith. We can each help someone take steps from wherever they are to where God wants them to be. Let’s learn from mentors and be a mentor.

#### **The EVERYDAY FAITH challenge:**

Imagine what would happen if for 30 days each and every one of us became intentional about making our faith an everyday faith working to “impress” God’s thoughts into our thoughts, God’s will into our wills, God’s commandments into our complete and total trust. What would happen? I believe we would experience the beginning of a revolution in the Verde Valley!

God has allowed a pandemic to get our attention. If he doesn’t have your attention yet, what is it going to take to get your attention? What is it going to take for you to say yes and stop

holding back from EVERYDAY FAITH in God. Let's all of us join the revolution of souls!

Here's Matt with some tips and tools for us to be working on this Everyday Faith 30 day challenge together!

**Memory Verse:**

*Hebrews 11:6 (NIV) And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*

**Bonus Verse:**

*Psalm 119:9-11 (NIV2011) {9} How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. {10} I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. {11} I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.*