

An angel with large, dark, feathered wings is shown in profile, wearing a black robe and speaking to a woman. The woman is seated, wearing a white, flowing robe over a pink dress, and looking down thoughtfully. They are in a desert landscape with mountains in the background. The scene is framed by a white geometric border.

The Truth Will Set You Free

John 8:30-36

Marks of Real Faith

A group of people, including a man in a white shirt and a woman in a dark top, are gathered around a table. They appear to be engaged in a study or discussion, with one person pointing at a book. The scene is dimly lit, creating a focused and intimate atmosphere.

- **Jesus takes notice of even the smallest amount of real faith.**
- **While God deserves the highest form of faith, your faith can grow from its smallest embers.**
- **Jesus attaches a condition for all those who wish to follow Him – you must stay in the pages of the Bible.**
- **Your time in God’s Word is evidence of a real faith.**
- **Transformational Bible study is having the Word live inside of you.**
- **The Bible isn’t optional for Christ-followers.**

Staying Power

A man and a woman are shown in a desert setting, possibly Jesus and a disciple. The man is on the left, wearing a dark robe, and the woman is on the right, wearing a light-colored robe. They are both looking down at a small dog that is sitting on the ground between them. The background is a hazy, rocky landscape. The entire scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent yellow filter.

- Real faith is a life-long act.
- A key ingredient to your faith is staying power.
- Continuing is the surest test of a genuine believer, and remaining makes you a disciple.
- Staying Power is where the heart leans with all of its weight on Christ.
- Real faith rests on God's Word, and real faith has staying power.

Does Your Faith Rest on Jesus

- The “truth” in John 8:32 is a synonym for Jesus.
- If faith is a rope, then the rope must be tied to Jesus.
- Because Jesus has an intimate relationship with His Father, He has the authority to forgive sinners.
- The reason why all religions do not lead to God is that only the Son has the authority to forgive sins.
- If your faith is a thread, then secure it tightly to Christ’s death.

Conclusion

- One of the benefits of knowing if your faith is real is having confidence in your faith.
- Another benefit of knowing your faith is real is that you will not have to live life with uncertainty.
- The ultimate bondage is not enslavement to a political or economic system but slavery to moral failure.
- A sincere belief in Christ leads to emancipation.