



GATEWAY
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

“Thriving in a Changing World”

Matthew 8:1-10
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Thriving as we develop Big Faith

God is totally into helping you have [trust in Him](#). Why?

Hebrews 11:6

The problem of [deception](#) - **Genesis 3:1-7**

God wants a relationship with us based on [trust](#).

Matthew 8:1-10

Matthew 8:5-13

Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith

1. [Practical Teaching](#) -

John 6:63

2 Timothy 3:16-17

2. [Providential Relationships](#) -

3. [Private Disciplines](#) -

4. [Personal Ministry](#) -

5. [Pivotal Circumstances](#) -

⇒ Which one of the Five things will you focus on this week?

Next Week: Thriving through Practical Teaching: The role Bible teaching plane in the development of our faith. Matthew 7:24-27

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Question: *Do you see someone who speaks in haste?* Vs. 20

Truth: *There is more hope for a fool than for them.* Vs. 20

Meditate: Proverb 29:25- *Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.*

Prayer: Lord, I trust in you. You are the source of my hope, love and strength.

Action: *Fools give full vent to their rage, but the wise bring calm in the end.* Vs. 11

What God wants ME to do _____

Monday 1/30- Read Proverb 30

Question: Why is practicing God's Principles for my benefit.

Truth: *"Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.* Vs. 5

Meditate: Proverbs 23:4- *Do not wear yourself out to get rich; do not trust your own cleverness.*

Prayer: *"Two things I ask of you, Lord; do not refuse me before I die: Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the Lord?'*

Or I may become poor and steal ,and so dishonor the name of my God.

Action: Be wise by living according to God's principles.

What God is telling me _____

Tuesday 1/31- Read Proverbs 31

Question: *A wife of noble character who can find?* Vs. 10

Truth: *She is worth far more than rubies.* Vs 10

Wisdom: *Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.* Vs. 31

Meditate: Proverbs 31:30- *Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.*

Prayer: Lord bless all the women of Gateway for all they do for our church and your glory.

Action: *Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter.* Vs. 11

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Question: *Jesus said to him, "Shall I come and heal him?"* Vs. 7

Truth: *The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed.* Vs. 8

Meditate: Matthew 8:13- *"Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would."*

Prayer: Lord you can accomplish any miracle. May I always believe and trust in you.

Action: *Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.* 1 Chronicles 16:11

What God is telling me _____

Thursday 2/2- Read Luke 8:40-56

Question: *"Who touched me?"* Jesus asked. Vs. 45

Truth: *But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me."* Vs. 46

Meditate: Luke 8:50- *Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed."*

Prayer: Lord, nothing is impossible for you. My faith is in you and hope for today rest with you in all I do.

Action: *Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

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Friday 2/3- Read 1 Peter 1:3-9

Question: Why is my faith in Jesus so important?

Truth: *who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.* Vs. 5

Meditate: 1 Peter 1:3- *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*

Prayer: Though I have not seen Jesus, I love him; and even though I do not see him now, I believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, (verse 8 personalized)

Action: **Who will I bring to Gateway** _____

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Life Group Outline- Thriving in a Changing World

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Fellowship and Praises-

Take **20-30 minutes** to have everyone introduce themselves and to share what Thriving would be for them in 2017.

Bible verse memorization: This is an easy verse to start with, but get in the habit of writing it out and looking at it several times a day. Developing good practice habits will lead to future successes.

Bible Study Exercise: Read Matthew 8:5-13

Share a time when God rewarded your faith in Jesus.

Read Matthew 9:18-26

What do you think the ruler felt when the woman with a bleeding problem halts Jesus from going to heal his daughter?

What do you do when it feels like God is not answering your prayers?

Read Hebrews 11:1-6

Faith is demonstrated by action.

What actions are you doing faithfully believing that God will reward you?

What are some acts of faith I could start doing to demonstrate my trust in God?

Pray for those things God can help you with so you can Thrive in a Changing World.

Prayer Time-

Going Deeper: Hebrews Chapter 11

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. Vs. 6

Real Application: Trust in the LORD with all your heart.