

Week 11: Walking in Faith

Read Matthew 7:21-23.

Our Intentions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have you ever known of someone, but they did not know you?• How might that relate to this text?• In verse 23, why does Jesus tell them plainly, "I never knew you. Away from me, you evil-doers?"• Why would the people be pursuing their own will rather than the Father's?• Read Isaiah 29:13. What does this verse mean?
God's Idea	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3. How does this relate to the Matthew passage?• What do we need to order to walk in the will of the Lord?• Read John 6:28-29.• Read 1 John 3:23-24.• What is the work God has called us to do?• What does it take to believe in God?
Social Media's Influence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>According to Webster's Dictionary, Faith is the "complete trust or confidence in someone or something."</i>• What have you trusted in social media for?• When you are invested in something, you care a lot about it. How have you seen social media impact your emotions?
Kingdom Intersection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read Hebrews 11:6. What does God desire from us?• Read Ephesians 2:1-10.• In reference to verse 3, why were we "by nature deserving of wrath"?• What does it mean that we have been saved by grace?• Read verse 8. What part does faith play in our relationship with God?• In verse 10, what does it mean that God has prepared good works for us in advance?• <i>We see that the free gift of God's love is received in hearts by believing in Jesus as our savior. Our faith and trust in him restore us to right relationship with the Father.</i>
Implications for Us	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read Mark 9:17-29.• <i>The display of faith in this story begins with the Father bringing his son to Jesus in the first place.</i>• Why do you think Jesus is able to call the evil spirit out of the boy?• Looking again at verse 24, how does this encourage us in our faith?• In what areas do you have faith, but need more?

Heart of the Matter: *When you put your faith in the unchanging character of God and sacrifice of Christ, you are set free to walk in your true purpose. As you grow in your love relationship with the Father, you will trust Him and serve others out of His love for you.*