



As Jesus' followers, we're called to continually grow in our relationship with God, and to help others do likewise. A choice to follow Jesus is a decision to walk differently and to walk a New road. As Biblical truth floods into our lives, and we plug into the power of the Holy Spirit, we need to allow God's word be the standard by which we live out our lives. Our lives should represent God's word coming off the pages — as we see our daily interactions as opportunities to live our faith out in word and deed, and nudge others closer to Jesus. Whether the practical application comes in the area of self-image, relationships, sharing our faith, sexuality, addictive behaviors or whatever, we want to continually keep God front and center in all that we are and do, and to be open and authentic about our faith with those around us. Living your faith out loud is an important part of the process of helping others become disciples who make disciples.

**READ IT:**

**Read. 1 Thessalonians 2:8-12.**

1. *Do you tend to think of living out your faith as a solo undertaking? Do you think it's easier to grow in your faith alone, or with others alongside you?*

2. *Summarize how the Apostle Paul describes living out the Christian faith in this passage. Does Paul share just the good things happening in his life with others? Why or why not?*

3. *Paul describes his relationship with his disciples as how "a father deals with his own children." What implications might this perspective have when it comes to your relationships with people you are seeking to reach and disciple?*

**DO IT:**

4. How willing are you to share your life with others? How available are you to share your life with others?

Real faith is more than just believing in God alone. It includes acting on that faith in one's life by serving God and obeying His commandments.

5. What's one thing you can do during the next week to powerfully and effectively live out your faith in front of those you are seeking to influence for Jesus?