



Christian Faith Fellowship

- We are not a perfect church

-We are not a perfect people

**-We are here because we know we need
God's help and He has provided this help
through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

**CFF exists to Know Christ and to make Him
Known!**

Living the Faith

- **Have you spent at least 5 minutes a day at least 5 days this week reading your Bible?**
- **Have you shared your conversion story/or a God story with a non-believer this week?**
- **Are you hearing what the Spirit is saying?**
- **Did you spend some alone time with God this week?**

Mark 10 (NLT)

17 As Jesus was starting out on his way to Jerusalem, a man came running up to him, knelt down, and asked, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” 18 **“Why do you call me good?” Jesus asked. “Only God is truly good.** 19 **But to answer your question, you know the commandments: ‘You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. You must not cheat anyone.**

Honor your father and mother.”” 20 “Teacher,” the man replied, “I’ve obeyed all these commandments since I was young.”

- **This man was following the religious teaching that was given to him... yet he was still searching for something more!**
- **He knew God was real, he was faithfully following what was taught and yet there was a need for something more!**
- **Do you have a feeling within that you need more?**

21 Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. “There is still one thing you haven’t done,” he told him. “Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” 22 At this the man’s face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

- **He wanted peace, he wanted to serve God- BUT - the reason he had no peace was - he had a limit on how far he was willing to go with God!**

- **Do you have a line drawn as to how far you will go with God?**
- **What is it that you will say “No” to God about?**

23 Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God!” 24 This amazed them. But Jesus said again, “Dear children, it is very hard to enter the Kingdom of God. 25 In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!”

26 The disciples were astounded. “Then who in the world can be saved?” they asked. 27 Jesus looked at them intently and said, “Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God. Everything is possible with God.”

28 Then Peter began to speak up. “We’ve given up everything to follow you,” he said.

- **The main point of the dialogue was not material possessions But rather the heart!**
- **Does your WHOLE HEART belong to God?**

Jesus said.... “24 Dear children, it is very hard to enter the Kingdom of God...”

- **God will not accept a half hearted relationship!**
- **God declares to us that He is a jealous God! He will have no other in our affections before Him!**

Exodus 34:14 You must worship no other gods, for the Lord, whose very name is Jealous, is a God who is jealous about his relationship with you.

- **Is there anything in your heart/life that holds your affections more than God?**

- **When Peter declared to Jesus “28... We’ve given up everything to follow you,”...**
- **We often interpret the 100% giving of ourselves to God as leaving everything and going somewhere different (It MAY involve that)... but the thing God is after is our 100% commitment to Him above all else!**
- **Remember “the Legion” he was possessed by a multitude of demons - Jesus cast them out & he WANTED to leave his country and follow Jesus!**

Mark 5:14-20 14 The herdsmen fled to the nearby town and the surrounding countryside, spreading the news as they ran. People rushed out to see what had happened. 15 A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, and they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons. He was sitting there fully clothed and perfectly sane, and they were all afraid. 16 Then those who had seen what happened told the others about the demon-possessed man and the pigs. 17 And the crowd

began pleading with Jesus to go away and leave them alone. 18 As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon possessed begged to go with him. 19 But Jesus said, “No, go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been.” 20 So the man started off to visit the Ten Towns of that region and began to proclaim the great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed at what he told them.

- **This man's heart was 100% committed!**
- **Going to his own people and sharing his God story was exactly what his life's call was!!**
- **Peter and the other disciples left everything to travel with Jesus... but this guy was called to live his faith among his family, friends, and community.**
- **What is the 100% calling of God on your life?**

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- **These people are the very ones that the Legion was called to share his story with!!**
- **The next time Jesus returned to the region of Decapolis there were 4,000 people waiting for Him! (Mark 8:1-10 – the feeding of the 4,000)**
- **It appears the Legion took his calling seriously and the Good News spread throughout the region!**

- **To return to your own people and declare your life has changed is one of the more challenging callings!**
- **We may think it's easier to go away and start over... but it is the life change that only God can do that is the greatest witness!!**

Action Steps (Life Application)

- **Does God have 100% of your heart? Is there anything you would say “No” to God about?**
- **Who is it you need to share your God story with?**
- **Will you pray and ask the Holy Spirit to begin to show you “who” He wants to hear your story?**

While Kim and I were at GC in Buffalo, God started stirring something in my heart!

Salvation Sunday at CFF planned for some time in September!

Salvation Sunday at CFF

We will begin with prayer NOW... we will video some of your testimonies (3 minutes or less) for use in the service, then on the website, and on Youtube -We want the world to know that God is still changing lives!! Our lives!

2 things to start

- 1. Prayer for the Holy Spirit's direction on who to share your story with...**
- 2. Are you willing to share your story on video?**