

Accountability Questions

- **Did you spend 5 minutes a day at least 5 days last week reading the Bible?**
- **Did you share a God story with a non-believer this week?**
- **Did you have spend time alone with God this week?**
- **What is the Holy Spirit saying to you?**



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!**

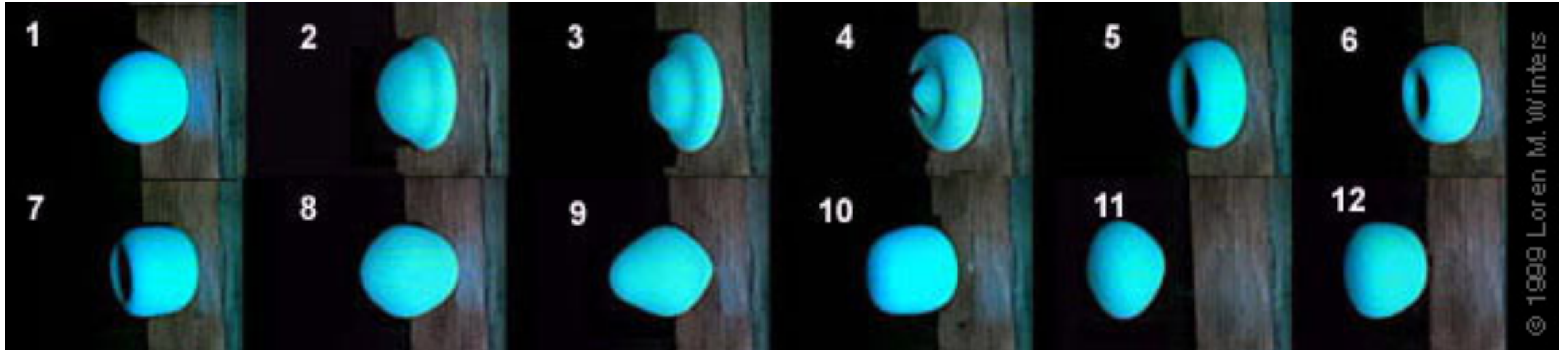
- **Reviewing our Action Step from last week:**
Did you set a New Years realistic spiritual goal?
(Going to be part of the accountability questions)
- Have you kept it?
- To become everything Jesus died to make us requires
surrender & obedience = growth!
- Our spiritual life begins with surrender & is built on
obedience!
- You cannot build a spiritual life on anything other
than Jesus Christ!

Matthew 7:21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.
22 Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’
23 Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

- Doing spiritual acts does not = relationship!!
- Obedience = Relationship!

- Here is where we can be easily deceived... when there are spiritual things happening through us we begin to see our spiritual life through these experiences rather than on a relationship with God through Jesus Christ!
- These actions Jesus references are God things: prophesying, driving our demons, performing miracles... all in Jesus name
- But these actions did not = Heaven
- Heaven is gained **ONLY** thru obedience to the Father

- Picture illustration of our life and meeting Jesus



2 Corinthians 5:17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

- We were living our way - we met Jesus, repented, & began life in a whole new direction!
- This new life & direction is lived in obedience to the Word - “I” am no longer in charge for I have surrendered the lead to God (Holy Spirit)
- We are at varying places of movement... from just hitting the wall – to responding to the impact of Jesus – to beginning the new life – to traveling in the new direction for some time!
- The key is – meeting Jesus and starting new!

24 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

“24...everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice...”

- Jesus explains in a picture story of the foundation of rock that if we are building our lives on anything other than obedience to what He says we are heading towards destruction!
- The storms of life will prove what our life is built upon... stone or sand!
- When our life is built on Him the storms will not move us although we feel the effects... we will **NOT FALL** apart!!

- In life you may face: your spouse having an affair, a disease for you or family member, death of someone you love, financial challenges, rebellious children, loss of job, etc. etc.
- But when your foundation is Christ you will not fall apart!

“...but everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice...”

- When we face the storms of life and everything crumbles & with it – we crumble - we are not building on the foundation of Christ the solid rock!

- We will face storms in life...

John 16:33 “.... Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”

- You are either living the faith & it is the foundation of your life or you're not
- No question our salvation is the work of God & His alone - there is also **NO QUESTION** that in response to God's work in our lives we are to begin to live differently & that is obedience to His teaching!

Action Steps

- On what is your relationship with God based upon?
- Are you relying on God's work through you or God's work in you?
- Are you living a life of obedience to the teachings of Scripture?
- Is there anything you know God has asked you to do that you are not yet doing? Or that He has asked you to NOT do and you are still doing?
- How are you weathering the storms of life? Are you holding fast to Christ as your foundation?