

1. **If you want people to see Jesus, they don't need to see you.**

- **Matthew 5:14-16** ¹⁴“**You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.** ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
- **Question - Do you want your light to shine or YOU to shine?**
 - World says - you should shine
 - Movies, TV, social media - it's about loving yourself
 - Nothing wrong with loving yourself - taking care of yourself, but not more than loving the Lord
 - That's a scheme of the enemy - sounds great, is good, more you follow that path, more attention you take off of the Lord
 - Bible says - our creator shines through us
 - This verse says: let your light shine,
 - Your light is your salvation, it's who Jesus is to you, what he's done for you
 - In that mindset - we become the creation that points to the creator
 - **1 Corinthians 10:31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.**
 - **Purpose is about GOD and his glory**
 - If you want people to see God, let your life point to God, not you.
 - ¹⁴“**You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.**
 - **Don't hide your light - so many ways we can hide**
 - Fear
 - Apathy
 - Embarrassment
 - Shame

2. **If you're not being transformed, you're being conformed.**

- **Romans 12:1-2 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.**
- Two commands in verse 2 - One or the other - if you're not being transformed, you're conforming
 - Don't conform - to become like, same - to the world
 - When you look at your life - what do you see?
 - Have you conformed?
 - **You look like the things you conform to.**
 - Be transformed - be changed, original, different
 - How - by renewing your mind, think of this like brainwashing

- Renewing same word as RE-FRESH
 - Mind - thoughts which lead to actions
 - **Truth - Don't be poisoned by the pattern.**
 - The pattern refers to the devil's plan.
 - It's a pattern - same things, same ways, same temptations, same sinful nature, same desires
- 3. **Comparison is the doorway to compromise.**
 - **Genuine faith, authentic faith flows from faith that doesn't compromise - means to give in, settle, surrender**
 - People talk about "fake Christians", people who live two different lives
 - Lot of that in the church, has always been, Paul talks about it, calls people out for being false teachers
 - **Jesus called out the Pharisees**
 - People who are not authentic believers - People who are conflicted.
 - They've compromised their faith for something they desire.
 - **This starts with COMPARISON.**
 - **Galatians 6:2-5 ³If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. ⁴Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, ⁵for each one should carry their own load.**
 - **Truth - You're going to be held responsible for YOU, not someone else.**
 - If you're responsible for you, why worry about someone else.
 - Comparison takes the focus off of your walk and puts it on someone else.
 - Then, you give that person ownership over your life.
 - Social media - compare to lives that aren't even reality, love IG vs reality posts
 - **Stop being so consumed with someone else - all you're doing is missing out on the potential God has given you.**
- 4. **Four Rs - Results require rest and reset.**
 - **Everything must rest - talk about rest physically**
 - If you don't rest & reset, you'll never be where you want to be.
 - Going into a busy season - world takes advantage of you - enemy likes it because:
 - Little time to rest - physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually
 - Your walk with the Lord is what gets cut.
 - **Truth - Everyone needs a Sabbath**
 - **Hebrews 4:9-10 There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his.**
 - Sabbath mentioned over 150 times
 - All the way back to creation

- God rested - Word REST in 2:2 means to stop
 - **What is your Sabbath?**
 - Sabbath isn't a holy day as some see - it's a day of rest mentally, emotionally, physically - effects Spiritually
 - **Truth - You can find rest, or rest will find you.**
 - **Psalm 23:1-2 The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters.**
 - Notice - He MAKES me lie down, then he leads.
 - He's going to make you rest either way.
 - **So often we want God to lead us somewhere or do something - first he wants you to LAY DOWN.**
5. **Your faith is what you make it.**
- **Truth - The authenticity of your faith is up to you.**
 - **Hebrews 11:6 ⁶ 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.**
 - **End with those words - EARNESTLY SEEK HIM**
 - That's who he rewards
 - Sincere and intense conviction
 - Real & passionate FAITH
 - Only you can determine that - not your parents, pastor, friends, leader - YOU