

# "Real Faith"

Luke 6:43-49

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## The Gospel of Luke: Meeting Our Savior

### Warm-Up Question:

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**READ: Luke 6:43-49**

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- From v. 47-48, what are three things Jesus names as secret to having a more immovable heart and life? Discuss what each of those things actually mean?
- Share which ones you feel you might be stronger or weaker in among those three areas.
- How does building your life on these things make a difference when the "storms" of life come? (v. 48-49)

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### September Focus

## CHARITY

### Principle:

Every human being is an image-bearer - we don't demonize people, we pray for all leaders

### Resource:

Prayers for our ourselves, prayers for leaders (to be sent out)

### Question(s) for Prayer Time:

1. Pray for God to help the gospel to take all the more root in your heart and bear more fruit as a result.
2. Where might God want you to bear good fruit? In what relationship? In what area of life?

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## **Scripture Passages Used:**

Luke 6:43 “For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, 44 for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. 45 The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

Luke 6:46 “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you? 47 Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: 48 he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. 49 But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.”

**Rom. 5:6-10** For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. **7** For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— **8** but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **9** Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. **10** For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

**Eph. 2:3-10** among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. **4** But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, **5** even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— **6** and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, **7** so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. **8** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, **9** not a result of works, so that no one may boast. **10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

## **Additional Thoughts for Leaders**

### **I. REAL FAITH: THE HEALTHY TREE**

- From v. 43-45, how should you be able to discern a genuine Christian from one that is not?
  - *Think about how difficult it is by simple outward works. Think about the “good fruit” of faith and repentance. Think about how repentance requires us to admit we are not good and don’t bear good fruit on our own, and how faith leads us to a clinging to Christ.*

#### 1) Religious “Fruit”

- How can being “religious” actually bear bad fruit? What are often bad fruits of a very religious person? How have you seen any of these in yourself?
  - *Think about forms of pride, judgmentalism, greed, insecurity, etc.*
- What is the bad root of a simply religious person? What is in the heart, their motivations?
  - *Think about how a religious person tries hard to perform in order to perform and earn God’s favor. This is often done for himself, in order to prove himself.*

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  - *Think of how not having to perform and prove ourselves before God leads to being free to produce good fruit, that like what comes from the fruit of the Spirit.*

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  - *Come to Jesus... Listening to his Word.... Doing his Word...*
  - *Think about ways we spend time with Jesus, get in his word, and strive to obey him (out of thanksgiving, not performance)*
- Share which ones you feel you might be stronger or weaker in among those three areas.
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**For More Study of the Passage**  
**Passage: Luke 6:17-26**

**Observation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Interpretation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Application:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Prayer:** \_\_\_\_\_

