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TRUE FAITH

Here is a Daily Devotional to enable you to make the most out of this sermon. You may use it for your personal growth or discuss it together in your Life Group.

Day One: Where is your UMBRELLA?

- What was the one thing that spoke to you the most during the sermon last weekend? How will what you heard last weekend affect your life?
- In his sermon, Pastor Whitcomb told the story of the old woman who came to church to pray for rain carrying an umbrella. Her faith was evident in her actions! What actions in your life provide evidence of your faith? Is there something you need to DO to show your faith? Where is your umbrella?
- Read Mark 10:46-52. How did Blind Bartimaeus show his faith?
- Pray and ask God to help you ACT in True Faith.

Day Two: Trust God's CHARACTER.

- This past weekend, Pastor Whitcomb said, "True Faith trusts God's character, not the circumstances." What does this statement mean to you? How should the truth in this statement influence your prayers?
- Read Psalm 62 and focus on verses 5-6. What are you expecting God to do in your life this year? What are you expecting from other people this year? Which is a greater expectation in your heart: your expectation of God or of people?
- Spend time in prayer right now. Tell God your expectations from Him this year. Ask God to build your faith for what He will do in your life. Then spend time praising Him for His goodness and His power.

Day Three: Expectation sees OPPORTUNITY not obstacles!

- Pastor Whitcomb preached last weekend, "Expectation will make you show up, pray up, stay up, and never give up." What does this statement mean to you?
- Read 1 Peter 1:1-9 and focus on verses 3 and 7. Having Jesus in your boat during the storm does not mean that the storm won't rock your boat. But it does mean that your boat won't sink. There may be obstacles in your path, but when you have True Faith you will see them as opportunities for God to move. What obstacles are you facing today that God can turn into opportunities?
- Take some time today to praise and thank God for all that He has done for you. Praise Him for all His love and kindness! Then, ask the Lord to help you see opportunity instead of obstacles.

Day Four: DETERMINATION.

- In his sermon, Pastor Whitcomb said, "When your expectation meets frustration, you need

determination.”What does this statement mean to you?

- Read Luke 9:51-62. On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rate yourself in completing tasks you begin? Do you have a lot of unfinished tasks and incomplete projects in your life?
- What is taking your focus away from obeying God right now? Make a commitment to the Lord to end any relationship and drop any activity that is preventing you from obeying him.

Day Five: Your lack is God’s OPPORTUNITY.

- Read Psalm 139. List three promises from God in this Psalm. Pray in faith today to claim these promises in your life. Are there any conditions you need to fulfill to obtain these promises? Commit to doing what God requires in order to receive His blessing.
- Pastor Whitcomb said, “Your lack is God’s opportunity.” What does this statement mean to you? How can you apply this truth to your life?
- In which areas of your life do you need to be delivered right now? What practical steps can you take to break free from fear, from bondage, and from doubt? Ask a Pastor or a trusted friend at Church to pray for you for deliverance from the problems that cripple you.

Day Six: True Faith believes God’s PROMISE.

- Pastor Whitcomb preached last weekend, “True Faith believes God’s promise not the problem.” What does this statement mean to you?
- Read 2 Peter 1:1-11 and focus on verses 5 – 7. What part does God play in spiritual growth? What part do you play in spiritual growth?
- Pray this prayer from a sincere heart: “Dear Lord, Thank you for your precious promises! By your promises I have everything I need. Shake me free from complacency and familiarity. Give me a hunger to make progress in my spiritual life that will result in progress in every area of my life. Thank you that you are moving me forward to a new level of True Faith. Overflow in my life, in Jesus’ name. Amen!”

Day Seven: PARTICIPATE in your miracle!

- Pastor Whitcomb said, “When you’ve done all you can, trust God to do all He can.” What does this statement mean to you? Have you done all you can to move forward and receive your miracle? Is there anything else you can do to act on your faith today?
- Read James 2:14-26 and focus on verses 14 and 17. Sometimes it seems that obeying God is difficult. We look at all the commands we know we should obey, and we feel overwhelmed. Yet if we start with the one thing we can do right now, we will gain strength for the next task ahead. Pick ONE area where you know you can begin to obey God, and step out in faith to DO that one thing today.
- Begin to praise the Lord right now for the fact that He is turning your problems into progress. We live by faith, not by sight. Don’t look at your circumstances, or your own abilities. Look to God in True Faith and believe Him that you will break through limitations!