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THE GENUINE'S LIFE EVIDENCES OUR LORD JESUS

Motivated By A Heart Of Trusting Obedience

A Holy Spirit-guided/empowered way of life is promised in the New Covenant.



For the best spiritual benefit, please prayerfully discuss this Nugget with those with you on your faith pilgrimage.

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus our Lord,

As 2026 begins we rejoice! Mike's health had deteriorated in 2025 so much that we didn't think he'd see the new year. But by the grace of our Lord we begin this year with a renewed determination to reinforce what the Holy Spirit has previously given us to share with the *genuinely* born again. In this Nugget we again underscore the heartfelt motivation of love-grounded **trusting obedience** which is a crucial motivation for every *genuine* follower of our Lord Jesus. It's imperative that you understand that your motives—your why—are the primary focus of how our Lord Jesus scrutinizes His own:

- *"All a man's ways seem pure to him, but motives are weighed by the LORD" (Proverbs 16:2).*
- *"The LORD does not look at the things man looks at, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7b). "*
- *"Judge nothing before the appointed time, until the Lord comes Who will both bring to light what is now hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. Then each one's praise will come from God" (1Corinthians 4:5).*

To help you appreciate the intensity of heartfelt motivation which our Lord calls for in His own, reflect on these verses:

- *"And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength" (Mark 12:30).*
- *"If you love Me, keep My commandments" (John 14:15).*
- *"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid. And for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it" (Matthew 13:44-46).*

How do you compare to the heartfelt intensity that's articulated by our Lord Jesus?

The New Covenant Is Based On Relationship, Not On Religious Organization

When the Holy Spirit is not quenched or grieved by tolerated sin (1Thessalonians 5:19; Ephesians 4:30), He enables the *genuinely* born again to experience the **relational connectedness** and **divine interaction** with their Lord and heavenly Father that the **New Covenant** offers. And without the interference of anti-Semitic theology's emphasis on creeds and religious practices, the *genuine* can experience the depth of relationship that's cited in the New Covenant. In this light we daily pray the following for each of you who seek to live a *genuine* life in our Lord Jesus:

- ❖ that you fulfill our heavenly Father's purposes out of grateful love and by His grace bring Him glory,
- ❖ that you live in love-grounded obedient trust ruled by our Lord Jesus,
- ❖ that you live guided and empowered by His Spirit,
- ❖ that you hold no unconfessed sin, deeply appreciating the price our Lord paid for your sins and Who you offend when you do sin,
- ❖ that your life reflect the increasing aroma of our Lord Jesus as you serve as His redemptive ambassador.

True Faith Is Heartfelt Motivation Involving Trusting Obedience

The **true faith** that's commanded the *genuine* has nothing in common with intellectual **belief** that permeates nominal Christianity. **IT HAS NOTHING IN COMMON!** At the core of true faith is **trusting obedience**. The Hebrew word for the depth of trust our Father commands His children is **emunah** [eh-moo-NAH]. The Hebrew root for *emunah* means "to jump off a cliff", and depicts such an unwavering trust in the sovereignty of your heavenly Father that you obediently take action authenticating your faith as genuine! This is the obedient trust our father Abraham had when God commanded him to sacrifice his son Isaac. As Hebrew theologian Abraham Heschel evocatively observes, "**Faith is a leap of action rather than a leap of thought.**"



Faith Reveals Christ-like Trusting Obedience

Faith is trust and obedient action

Faith is revealed through your obedient actions (James 2:26). Confident of God's sovereignty, faith doesn't doubt or fret.

BE WARNED!

Belief lacking heartfelt trust is absolutely rejected by our Father (Hebrews 11:6).

Belief is simply mental assent

Belief is devoid of obedient action. This identifies nominal Christians who study the Bible but don't do what it says.



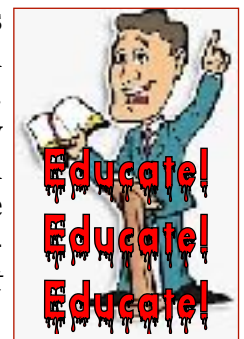
For more on trusting faith vs. intellectual belief, please reread: The Way Of Our Lord Is Being Restored, Reality 26. [*The Older Testament Convinces You Of Your Need For Unwavering Trust.*](#)

Faith Is Nurtured Through Teaching and Dialogue, Not Through Preaching!



Faith may begin through *preaching* (Romans 10:14-17) to unbelievers. But after conversion the faith of trusting obedience is nurtured by **role modeling** and by **teaching** that's accompanied by **mutual dialogue** in **applying our Lord's commands**. Biblically Hebraic instruction can be summed up as "**DO AS I DO**" by those who have already lived it. Our Hebraic ancestors who first trusted our Lord recognized that the only valid form of learning was facilitated by wise, experienced older role models (Hebrews 13:7).

As we've previously written, the personal style of teaching/dialogue was eliminated by the **academic lecture style** adapted from Hellenism which along with Roman authoritarian rule gained dominance in Christianity. Dominion and control that were exercised through lecture-style preaching by the "educated" replaced the biblical servant leadership of a teacher/role model who replicated his way of life in others. A primary method of control was to use **impersonal preaching at** to maintain supremacy. Whether in a congregation or in a house church, whenever the Bible is preached or taught *without dialogue and application*, someone is seeking to be dominant. Be warned...



Preaching by those without life experience has spawned nominal powerless believers

Mike: Having attended seminary, I know that one of the saddest and most destructive aspects of these institutions is that they perpetuate clergy who rely on impersonal preaching. This practice provides these individuals a platform for singular dominance over their congregation. As I interviewed pastoral candidates at seminary, and later as I counseled clergy for many years, I met very few who had ever experienced even one of the miraculous interventions that the Bible assures the *genuinely* born again they'd experience (see Mark

16:17,18; John 14:12). ***If*** you're being *preached at* by a clergy person who's never experienced spiritual power or engaged in the spiritual warfare which our Lord told His own to expect, we strongly encourage you to flee! Even if you're in a home group but are being led by someone who has never tasted the miraculous work of our Lord nor even called on the Name of our Lord Jesus to evict a demon, you're being 'short-changed' in your growth in Christ. Confront the person leading your group, and if they refuse to seek His Spirit to use him that way, Flee!

I can't even envision being sent on three deployments to Vietnam as a helicopter pilot without having been sufficiently instructed through role modeling and dialogue by those who had flown operational missions beforehand. They clearly understood the goal of their instruction: for me to serve operationally just as they had done. Please consider this in light of your own Bible instruction. Are you "operational" in our Lord's view, fully prepared to serve in obedient trust?

If you're already *genuinely* born again, don't ever let anyone *preach at* you! Repetitious preaching has trapped nominal Christians to live as "believers"—ever learning *without* being responsible to take obedient action. For further insight, please read Spot On 5, [Dialoguing vs Preaching: Who's Talking?](#) Also, [To Love And Be Loved](#) – *Relational Intimacy Outside Of Religious Organizations*.

We realize that today there are few experienced role model instructors even among the *genuine*. To overcome this lack, we've repeatedly encouraged you to wholly trust in the dialogue process of confirming truth as commanded in the Newer Testament. We absolutely rely on our Lord Jesus as the only Head of His own to be with us when we apply His commands.

"Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven (that is, you avoid what God doesn't want you to do), and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven (which means you do what's right in His sight). Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them" (Matthew 18:18-20).

Please reflect on this: Our Lord Jesus tells the *genuine* that you are entrusted with spiritual power and with authority over demons in His Name. It's a privilege and responsibility that has tremendous eternal consequences — and your trusting obedience makes the difference! The 1,050 commands in the Newer Testament are given as a way of life for you to put into action. The primary purpose of instruction you receive must be to help you put our Lord's commands into practice out of your heart's desire to fully reflect Him and fulfill our Father's will through you. There's one interpretation of Scripture, *but* there are many applications for you to use that Word (see Deuteronomy 25:4; 1Corinthians 9:9-11). Anyone who's *genuine* should have a Bible and a concordance so you can study God's Word on your own. Those who instruct you can help with anything you don't understand. And the most meaningful instruction you can receive is for them to help you identify the specific areas of your life in which you need to apply our Lord's commands to fulfill His particular will for you.

Our free booklet, [Christian Halakhahs](#)—*Loving Jesus Through The Way You Apply His Word* can help you and your faith family live according to our Lord's commands as you discuss it together.

Some Final Thoughts Concerning Trusting Obedience

From David Wilkerson's article, *Called From Before Creation*

"The apostle Paul proclaims God 'Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began' (2Timothy 1:9). Each person who is 'in Christ' is called by the Lord. And we all have the same

mandate: to hear God's voice, to proclaim His Word, to never fear man, and to trust our Lord in the face of every conceivable trial.” (emphasis added)

Because the Holy Spirit abides within you as a *genuine* to guide and empower you, never view yourself by your own limitations. You need to embrace the reality that the Holy Spirit is within you to carry out our heavenly Father's purposes. True faith is getting past mental reservations and “*keeping in step with the Spirit*” (Galatians 5:25; also Romans 8:14). When we hear a *genuine* follower of our Lord say, “I can’t”, we're hearing a person who is sinning through unbelief by quenching and grieving the Holy Spirit. These who doubt need to repent!

Have you asked our heavenly Father for His purposes for your life? What has He told you to do? If you know, then understand that it will require your trusting obedience to carry out His purposes. You may feel inadequate. But that's exactly where He wants you so that you will trust the Spirit He gave you at conversion. And any purpose or goal that fails to glorify our Father, be it finding a job, buying a home, home schooling, or joining a home fellowship, is a pathway to futility and disillusionment.

The *genuine* live obedience-based, and not outcome-based as nominal Christians do. Be assured that if the Holy Spirit has guided you in our Father's will, you may have times when you do feel that you're accomplishing nothing. But that's not true. *If* you are living by trusting obedience, then be confident that our heavenly Father is using you in His divine design. This testimony by Richard Wurmbrand (founder of Voice of the Martyrs) is an encouraging example:

“I am president of a world-wide mission. I was brought to Christ by a Romanian carpenter, Wolfkes, who prayed for years—without result—that he might not die before bringing one Jew to Christ. God granted him two, my wife and myself. We brought to the Savior a few other Jews; and these, in turn won more. The result can be seen now in thriving Hebrew Christian congregations in many towns in Israel. Once when I told the story of my conversion in a Romanian village, I noticed that a very old man in the audience was weeping. He told me at the end: ‘God used me to bring that carpenter to Jesus. I thought that I had toiled all my life uselessly. I heard from you now that I am a grandfather in faith of many Jews.’”

If you make a major decision in your life without having direct guidance from the Holy Spirit, you'll end up **fretting** and being **anxious** in the future. But more importantly, you won't be able to glorify our Father because what you've decided to do isn't His purpose. And when you don't have His clear purpose but seem to succeed anyway, you may be tempted to take credit for what you do. The *genuine* who are living obedience-based can always humbly affirm, “*We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty*” (Luke 17:10).

Have absolute confidence that in fulfilling our Father's purposes with the Spirit's guidance you will always have His provision. But *if* you find yourself sweating finances, you first need to ask if you really do have the Spirit's direct guidance. Know that *if* you have His guidance and then sweat finances, Father will let you sweat. Why? Because your fretting reveals your lack of trusting faith in Him. Also, we've personally gone through times in which the Holy Spirit directed someone to help us financially and they chose to disobey His word to them. If and when you face this situation, be patient in continued confidence in the Father Whose Spirit is guiding you.

Finally, keep in mind that your heartfelt motivation has more to do with how our Lord Jesus views you than in what you do. You'll discover with joy that if your motivation is to live in trusting obedience no matter the cost, you will be commended by Him! In this world you can fake out others by your “Christian” actions and words. But remember, “*He will bring to light what is now hidden in darkness.*”