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Faith and Speech (Pt. 2)

James 5:12-18

Authentic faith does not require any of the persuasive devices our culture uses to argue and to further its agendas; rather, it builds a reputation around _____, with no deception whatsoever. Let your yes be yes.

Discussion 1. What are some persuasive devices (either words, phrases, or other communication tricks) that our culture uses to persuade? Are there any such devices you are sometimes inclined to use...ones you want to stop using?

If our faith is authentic, then the calling to “pray without ceasing” makes more and more sense to us as we mature spiritually. Conversing with God about _____ and _____ is a full-time opportunity.

Discussion 2. How does the calling to “pray without ceasing” make you feel? What might be a next step for you toward that calling?

Authentic faith causes us to long for conversations with other believers deeper than politics or football scores; conversations about _____ of sin and about what God is doing in our lives.

Discussion 3. If you were going to look for a Christian friend to whom you could confess your sins, what qualities and characteristics would you look for? If a friend were looking for that in you, would they find it?

Authentic faith does not hope to impact the world through political power, nor economic power, nor social power, nor through any other powers of this world. It hopes to impact the world through _____.

Discussion 4. Why do you think Christians in our culture often tend to rely more on the powers of this world than they do the power of prayer?

Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?