

TALK IT OVER

Awakening Faith

BOTTOM LINE

If you had absolute confidence that God was who He said He was, how would that change your life?

CONVERSATION STARTER

What's a new thing you would do this year if you were sure you could?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/thedaily
- [How to Know You're Growing](#) - In Touch Ministries (short devotional)

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." Matthew 7:24-27 NIV

"Trust is at the center of every great relationship. Trust was broken when sin came into the world. God has been working on restoring trust because it is a catalyst for change."

"Everyone's faith journey is different, but there are some common elements God uses to shape our spiritual lives and faith."

"Your spiritual depth is not measured by what you know, but by what you do with what you know." – Quotes by Dwight Mason

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Share how long you have been a Jesus-follower. Where/how did you grow most last year? Where do you see the most need for growth this year? There are five catalysts God uses to deepen our faith in Him, leading to unshakable confidence in God that causes life change. **Practical teaching** is more than gaining knowledge. We must apply it. How do you personally get practical teaching? How do you make certain to apply it? **Providential relationships** are the people God positions to intersect with your life in forever transforming ways. Who has been that in your life so far? How are you relating providentially with people God is using in your life? **Private disciplines** are critical for ongoing consistent growth. There can be no true progress or life change without them. This includes daily time with God, corporate worship, and giving. Where have you grown the most so far? Where do you see you need to let God grow you in 2025? **Pivotal circumstances** can appear to be positive (like marriage, a birth, or a graduation) or negative (like a broken relationship, job loss, serious illness, or even a death). But God wants you to trust Him so deeply that you work with Him for positive growth in every situation. How has that happened for you? **Personal ministry**, serving through our inadequacies to help others, causes us to depend on God and flourish through it. How is personal ministry challenging and helping you? How does your faith need to look and change in this season?

ACTION STEP

I will work with God to trust and grow by applying what I am learning in this way: _____