



# COUNTERFEIT

## JOURNEY TEACHING SERIES

*“My message and My preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with demonstration of the Spirit’s power, so that your faith might not rest on men’s wisdom, but on God’s power.” 1 Corinthians 2:4-5*

### Counterfeit

January 11 - February 9, 2022

**Don’t let your faith be just a copy.**

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**Date:** Tuesday & Wednesday, January 11 & 12, 2022

**Message:** Real Faith (Matthew 7: 24-27; James 1:22)

**Teacher:** Jonny Miller

**Bottom Line:** Real faith is about doing, not just knowing.

Sometimes our faith can seem like the real thing, but it’s actually *counterfeit*. We aren’t supposed to listen to the Word of God and then go back to our everyday lives unchanged. Instead, we should go out and do what it says! And when we do, we’ll find that God changes us on the inside, for the better. The more you make faith your own, the more you’ll want to go out and put it into action!

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**Date:** Tuesday & Wednesday, January 18 & 19, 2022

**Message:** The Friendship Effect (Proverbs 13:20; 1 Corinthians 15:33; Proverbs 27:17)

**Teacher:** Adam Galemore

**Bottom Line:** Real faith grows with other people.

Real faith doesn’t develop on its own when we are by ourselves. The people around us affect our faith. Bad friends can corrupt us, but good friends help us stay strong and sharpen us into who God intended us to be. The more we surround ourselves with people who make us better, and Christian mentors who guide us in our faith, the wiser we’ll become. If you want to move in a better direction, hang out with people who want the same thing!

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**Date:** Tuesday & Wednesday, January 25 & 26, 2022

**Message:** IRL (Mark 2: 1-12)

**Teacher:** Lamont Downs

**Bottom Line:** You will never get over what God does through you.

We all want to find our purpose in life. What if we found our God-given purpose, and then went and lived it out? Stepping out and stepping up to serve can grow your faith into an authentic one as you find your unique gifts and put them into action. Don't miss out on joining God in what He is already doing in the world! Like the friends who brought a paralyzed man to Jesus, our serving in faith might just change someone else's life, too!

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**Date:** Tuesday & Wednesday, February 1 & 2, 2022

**Message:** Growing Pains (John 11:1-45)

**Teacher:** Leo Almony

**Bottom Line:** God can use turning points to grow our faith.

Sometimes everything can be just fine and then...plot twist...rough road ahead! Even Jesus experienced tough times and deep emotions. We all want to find meaning in the world and understand why these things happen. We don't always know why they do, but we can allow God to use these turning points to change us. No matter what we are facing—our best day, or our worst—Jesus is right there in the midst of it with us. Weeping or rejoicing right alongside us.

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**Date:** Tuesday & Wednesday, February 8 & 9, 2022

**Message:** Constant Faith (Hebrews 5:12-14)

**Teacher:** Jonny Miller

**Bottom Line:** Real faith is an everyday faith.

Developing habits can be helpful. Learning Algebra, doing pliés in ballet class, practicing your jump shot...something that seems like work at first becomes incredible over time. In a similar way, if we only do spiritual things at church, we'll never grow. We need to practice our faith! We can learn to connect with God personally through the things we do everyday. When we develop a daily spiritual habit, it can grow our faith into a faith of our own and bring us closer to God. And then we can encourage our friends to do the same!

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