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Growing in Greater Intimacy with Jesus – Spring 2020

This Sunday March 1st begins an exciting adventure of *"Growing in Greater Intimacy with Jesus"*. Each Sunday I am preparing to preach on an essential doctrinal principle in scripture. What we truly believe will lead to actions that in turn help us grow in our relationship to Jesus. Following Jesus is an invitation into a living relationship that must be cultivated. We must commit to disciplines and habits that help us cultivate our own first-hand personal experience of being with Jesus. (John 15:5) As we develop these essential beliefs and practices, the natural by-product is growing in spiritual maturity.



This Sunday I plan to preach on **'How to Build your life on God's Word'**. We first must answer the question, *"What do I truly believe about the bible?"* Do you believe the bible is simply an instructional manual? Most people never open an instructional manual. Do you know why? They don't **believe** they need it! This belief leads to the practice of not following the instructions. It seems this is the way many approach the bible in their lives. Consider in contrast, do you believe the bible is your *lifeline*? Is it your *life source*? Do you see the difference? What you believe leads to what you practice. When the doctor explains to me what is wrong with me and gives me medicine to take, I fill the prescription and take medicine exactly as prescribed for me. (I actually read the instructions!) Why do I do this? **Because I believe** that the doctor and the medicine are given to me for my healing and well being. What I believe leads to actions I take. These actions lead to my ultimate healing and transformation.

"How can a young man keep his life pure? He does it by holding on to (believing in) your word".
Psalms 119:9

I am so excited and hopeful as we begin the high adventure of growing in intimacy with Jesus. Please commit to join with us every week. Invite others to join with us as well!

I am believing God for a time of restoration and renewal for Faith Fellowship. Please join with me and Donna that this season is a time of renewal and hope... *"a crown of beauty, the oil of joy and a garment of praise"*! *May the Lord give us a season to "rebuild...restore...renew"* and become *"a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendor."* (See Isaiah 61:3-4) I believe growing closer to Jesus brings God glory. To God be the Glory indeed!

With an expectant heart,
Pastor Garry

*"We are a **faith fellowship** of believers on our journey **together** with our Lord... meeting needs, mending hearts."*