

**Moving beyond a hohum Faith: Finding a Vibrant Faith in Christ.**

- 1/1      When Faith is Stale, What do you Do?**
- 1/8      Praying is more than saying “Good Night”**
- 1/15     Getting the most from God’s Word**
- 1/22     Letting Loose in Worship and Seeing God**
- 1/29     Finding God in the most unexpected Places**

Intro:

- Three concepts to tie together
- What is going on with our faith?
  - ○ Obvious reasons
  - ○ What if I don’t feel it?
  - ○ What if I get used to it?
  - What if I have questions about it?
- The struggle is real, and you are not the only one.

I.      Reasons for a Ho-Hum Faith

- The circumstances of Life
- Familiarity
- Unanswered Questions
- Prolonged Blahs

II.     What do We Do?

- Be Honest About it (Psalm 32:3-5)
- Question your Feelings (Jer 17:9)
- Stay Connected (Hebrews 10:23-25; John 20:24-28)
- Remove the things in your life hurting your faith (Matthew 5:29-30; Hebrews 12:1-2)
- Slow Down and Simplify Your Life (Psalm 46:10)
- Remember the Times You Did Feel Your Faith (Psalm 42:4) □ Move Forward Regardless (Psalm 42:11)

**TEST YOURSELF**

How would you assess the following areas of your life:

1) Your faith in Christ: (Mark all that Apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Growing | <input type="checkbox"/> Underwhelmed | <input type="checkbox"/> Steady   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flakey  | <input type="checkbox"/> Under fire   | <input type="checkbox"/> Stunted. |

2) Your love for others:

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|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reaching out     | <input type="checkbox"/> Tempted     | <input type="checkbox"/> Frustrated    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> “Leave me alone” | <input type="checkbox"/> Overwhelmed | <input type="checkbox"/> Blossoming 3) |

Are You closer to God than you were this time last year?      YES              NO

4) If Not, what are some of the possible reasons?

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“When emotion is everything when faith is there, then they will be everything when faith is not there. All that is different is that they have changed sides. If emotions are really all that matters, then neither faith nor doubt have anything to do with truth; they are simply the names that we give to our changing moods.”

-Os Guiniss

“Truth, Faith, and Feeling were sitting on the wall. Feeling fell off and grabbed on to Faith, pulling Faith down. Truth grabbed Faith and held Faith up. Eventually, Truth pulled Faith back up which then eventually brought Feeling back up.”

-Unknown

“Preach faith till you have it; and then, because you have it, you will preach faith.” -Peter Bohler