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**Can the Christian Faith be
Believed, Trusted, Followed,
and Shared?**

- ▶ **Shift from Theology to Practice**
- ▶ **Jesus as Savior/Jesus as Lord**
- ▶ **If the Bible can be trusted**
- ▶ **If the claims of Jesus are true**

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Imitation motif

1 Corinthians 4:16 Therefore I urge you to imitate me.

1 Corinthians 11:1 Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

2 Thessalonians 3:7 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example

2 Thessalonians 3:9 We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate.

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▶ **Metaphors**

▶ Relationship

▶ Exercise

▶ Meal

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Relationship

- ▶ **Begin**
- ▶ **Grow**
- ▶ **Deepen**
- ▶ **Conflict**
- ▶ **Security**

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Exercise

1 Cor 9.24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. ²⁶ Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air.

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Exercise

- ▶ No exercise (couch potato)
- ▶ Minimal exercise
- ▶ Obnoxious fitness freaks
- ▶ Balanced exercise
- ▶ cardio, strength, flexibility

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Meal

1 Corinthians 3:1 Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly-- mere infants in Christ. ² I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready.

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Meal

- ▶ Milk
- ▶ Rice
- ▶ Solid foods
- ▶ Meat

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Meal

- ▶ Fast food
- ▶ Home cooking
- ▶ Gourmet meal

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Basics

- ▶ Read the Bible
- ▶ Say your prayers
- ▶ Worship regularly

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Read the Bible

- ▶ Translation
- ▶ Consistency

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Say your prayers

- ▶ ACTS
- ▶ Adoration
- ▶ Confession
- ▶ Thanksgiving
- ▶ Shopping list

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Worship Regularly

- ▶ Kierkegaard's philosophy
- ▶ Give your best
- ▶ Style

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Resources:

- ▶ My Utmost for His Highest, Oswald Chambers
- ▶ Celebration of Discipline, Richard Foster
- ▶ Ordering Your Private World, Gordon MacDonald
- ▶ With: Reimagining Your Relationship With God, Skye Jethani

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- ▶ **MT 7.24** "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. ²⁵ 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.

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