



The Focus word for July is Authenticity

The verse for week 28, Jul 5 -11, 2015 is:

"Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God." Matthew 5:8

Q: How do you keep it real when the whole world is doing the opposite?

A: Care more about Gods approval than people's approval.

Darn it, "keepin it real" is a constant arm wrestle when there are so many difficult things going on in the world, in our communities, our families and in our relationships but the good news is it is completely possible.

In order to be and stay authentic in such a broken world it is important for us to have continual growth of our spiritual roots so that they are strong and deep.

Over the next month, I want to dedicate time to the "Sermon on the Mount" and the Beatitudes. This can be found in Matthew chapters 5 - 7.



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Here is what my NIV Study Bible says about The Sermon on the Mount:

Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount and proclaimed his attitude towards the law. Position, authority and money are not important in His kingdom - what matters is faithful obedience from the heart.

The Sermon on the Mount challenged the proud and the legalistic religious leaders of the day. It called them back to the messages of the Old Testament prophets who, like Jesus, taught that heartfelt obedience is more important than legalistic observance.

Before the Sermon, Jesus sat with his disciples and warned them about temptations they would face as his associates. Don't expect fame and fortune, Jesus was saying, but mourning, hunger and persecution. Nevertheless, Jesus assured them that they would be rewarded but perhaps not in this life.

There may be times when following Jesus will bring great popularity. If we do not live by Jesus' words in this sermon, we will find ourselves using God's message only to promote our personal interests.

This week, look into up the definition of word Authenticity and journal/create/or think about what it means to you and how you can start or continue living out this statement:

"What you see is what you get"
I am not sinless or perfect but I am authentic.