



PART 2: PRACTICALLY SPEAKING

INTRODUCTION

You will never be closer to God than the level of your faith. But faith is more than mere belief. It's something we put into practice. That's why Jesus said, "Follow me." In this series we'll explore five catalysts God uses to build enduring, go-the distance faith in our lives.

KEY SCRIPTURE

Matthew 7:24-28

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If you grew up attending church, what was emphasized? Information? Correct theology? Application? Sacraments? Attendance?
2. When you think of the phrase "practical teaching," what comes to mind?
3. Looking back, have you ever applied a specific teaching of Scripture that prepared you for an unexpected storm?
4. Pastor Will said, "The Bible is like nutrition. It only benefits you if you apply it." On a scale of 1-5 how well would you say you *know* the Bible? How well would you say you *apply* the Bible to your life?
5. Read Matthew 7:24-27. What stands out to you?
6. "Unapplied truth is like unapplied paint. It doesn't do anyone any good." Can you think of an area in your life where a bit more application might make a big difference?

Application Prayer: Jesus, I commit today to be where the Word of God is taught with application, so I can put it into practice. I want to build my house upon your Rock.