

CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS: Practice Your Faith!

Scripture used: [Acts 3:1–8 \(NLT\)](#)

OVERVIEW

The Christian church was born without walls. From the beginning, believers came from different nations, languages, and cultures, yet the Holy Spirit brought them together around Jesus. Pastor Hurmon was reminded of this diversity while attending the international FaithTech conference in Monterey. But a church without walls is about more than gathering diverse people; it is about learning to live as followers of Jesus in everyday life. God has many people who have faith, but not enough who practice their faith. The big idea is simple: we practice our faith by living the Jesus Way. Our spirituality is ultimately revealed through how we love God and other people. Like the believers in Acts, we are called to take our faith beyond the church gathering and turn it into daily practices that shape how we live, serve, give, and respond to the God moments around us.

KEY POINTS

1. **Practice being in the presence of God.** Our faith can fluctuate throughout the day. One moment we may feel strong and confident; the next, we may struggle. That is why time in God's presence must become indispensable. In [Psalm 27:1–7 \(NIV\)](#), David declares his desire to “dwell in the house of the Lord.” God's presence restores and strengthens us for whatever life brings. We need rhythms of seeking God alone through prayer and Scripture, but we also need to seek Him alongside other believers. Sometimes God ministers to us through another person, and sometimes He uses us to do the same for them. Make both personal and communal time with God part of your routine.
2. **Practice being a blessing.** Start each morning with a simple prayer: “Lord, make me a blessing!” Then intentionally look for opportunities to serve or give, or both. Jesus came not to be served, but to serve and give His life for us. As His followers, we practice that same way of life until generosity and service become more than things we occasionally do; they become part of who we are. Every day can be a Serve Day. At the end of the day, we should be able to ask ourselves, “How was I a blessing today?” Healthy people and healthy churches increasingly focus not simply on what they can receive, but on what they can give.
3. **Practice being aware of God moments.** Life is difficult, but we are also surrounded by evidence of God's work. We can become so focused on our problems and limitations that we miss the miracles happening around us. Acts 3 shows Peter and John recognizing one of these moments when they encounter a man unable to walk. Sometimes God wants to do something for us, and sometimes He wants to do something through us. Our limitations do not disqualify us; they can create space for God's power to work. Recognizing these God moments can also encourage others to practice their faith.

DISCUSSION

- 1) **HEAR** - Which of these three practices needs the most attention in your life right now? What would change if you practiced it every day?
- 2) **UNDERSTAND** - Peter and John didn't simply believe in Jesus—they recognized a need and responded to it. What do you notice about the way their faith became visible through their actions? What might it look like for our faith to become more visible in our everyday lives?
- 3) **DO** - Each morning, pray, “Lord, make me a blessing today.” Look for one opportunity to serve or give, and end the day by asking, “How was I a blessing today?”