

Faith Christian Fellowship
Sunday, January 17, 2016
Fresh Fire or Strange Fire?
3: What He Said – Our Values

Text: Leviticus 10:1-7 / 2 Cor 4:1-2

What has the Lord commanded and how are we doing?

Every good vision has 3 parts: A mission, a methodology. And a set of values. What are ours? How am I partaking in it?

The Mission: "Open a fountain of My healing power in this place."

The methodology (O.S.): Repair, Prepare, Celebrate

Today, our values: "The Word and the Spirit, ...Keepin' it Real"

1) Value #1: The Word.

- a) The Word movement – history
 - i) Healing revival, Charismatic renewal, Kenneth Hagin, et al
 - ii) Our connection: FCF
 - iii) The deviations and dilutions
- b) Why is the Word paramount?
 - i) It brings faith Romans 10:17
 - ii) It is our prayer weapon Ephesians 6:17
 - iii) It equips us to succeed 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- c) How do we demonstrate this value?
 - i) Put the Word at the center of our services
 - ii) Base our doctrine and practice on the Word.
- d) **Question:** How does your daily life reflect the value of God's Word?

2) Value #2: The Spirit

- a) The manifestation of the Holy Spirit is a mark of New Testament Christianity. It is an area of great controversy today.
 - i) What is it? 1 Cor 12:4-11 /
 - ii) What are the arguments about? Not for us today? Too offensive to visitors?
- b) Why is it important?
 - i) The antidote to legalistic religion: 2 Corinthians 3:6
 - ii) Brings conversion to God, not human persuasion: 1 Corinthians 2:4-5
 - iii) The Spirit can bring blessing in a moment – He is God! 1 Corinthians 12:7

- c) How do we demonstrate this value?
 - i) Praying with the Spirit / worshipping with the Spirit
 - ii) Allowing room for the gifts in our services
- d) **Question:** What are you doing today to give the Spirit space to speak and move in your life? To make yourself more sensitive to Him?

3) Value #3: Reality

- a) What do we mean by "keepin' it real?"
 - i) Staying with the Word, not our opinions or traditions
 - ii) Lack of pretense and professional performance in our preaching, worship, ministry
 - iii) Transparency: we are all glaringly human
- b) Why is it important?
 - i) It emphasizes the ability of the regular person to impact his own world, not the spiritual elite and their "special" powers
 - ii) It avoids disaffection when leaders fail, and they do.
 - iii) It avoids the temptation to manipulate people through spiritual position and twisted gifts.
 - iv) It avoids the deflation when the hype turns out to be hype, not power.
- c) How do we demonstrate this value?
 - i) Careful interpretation of Scripture
 - ii) Lack of pretense: / Transparency: exalting the ministry of regular people / keeping the ground level
 - iii) Making room for the Spirit with decency and order
- d) **Question:** How does your life reflect what you believe? What masks do you wear around others? Name one way you can live out your faith more fully in 2016.

"Keepin' it Real" =

Fresh fire, that which actually flows from the throne of God, the Spirit of God and His Holy written Word. God gets the glory; we get the blessing.

Not Strange fire, that which God did not endorse or originate, that is directly contrary to His command, or is offered as a substitute for the real thing. Strange fire is human performance substituted for the anointing of the Spirit.