

Message from God's Life-Giving Word
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Back to the Future: Living Love Like the Early Church

What can actually change the world?

1. What it means to be a _____.

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2. What Christians are called to _____.

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3. How a Christian has the _____ to live in their calling.

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Next Steps

1. From the message notes, spend some time journaling about how Peter's letter defines what it means to be a Christian. Do you often think of your faith as being only personal? Why or why not? What is real, Biblical Christianity? How does your faith work with the idea of the "Priesthood of All Believers"?
2. Consider Biblical Christianity this week. Where have you or are you improperly defining your identity away from Jesus, the cornerstone? What can you do to change this? What courageous decisions do you need to make? What needs to go or needs to start in your life? Schedule a time to move forward in this.
3. Spend some time praying through the following text and asking God to give you new wisdom and understanding of exactly how He has gifted you to serve Him as His precious, living stone in our community of faith: 1 Peter 2:4-10.
REMEMBER: *Your time in daily devotion and prayer is not just for your benefit. It's also for the benefit of others. Share what God is teaching you.*