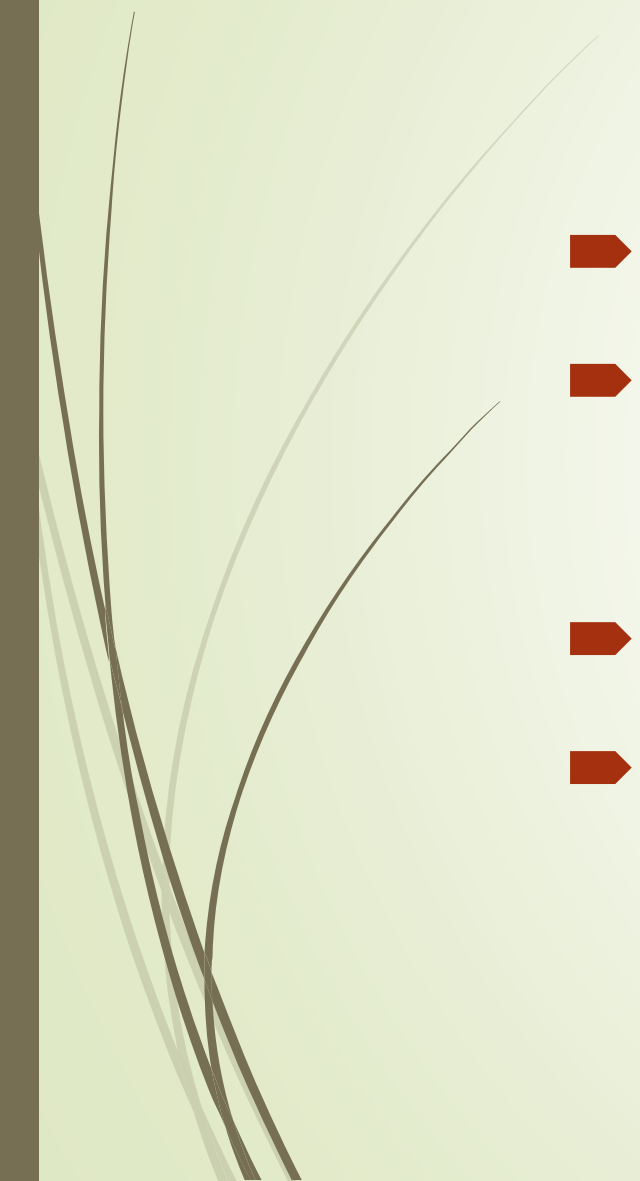


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Real Conversations

- Be Kind
 - Be Present
 - Be Brave
 - Be Jesus
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42 Seconds



That's the average length of Jesus' recorded conversations. Jesus changed the world, person by person, 42 seconds at a time, and so can we.

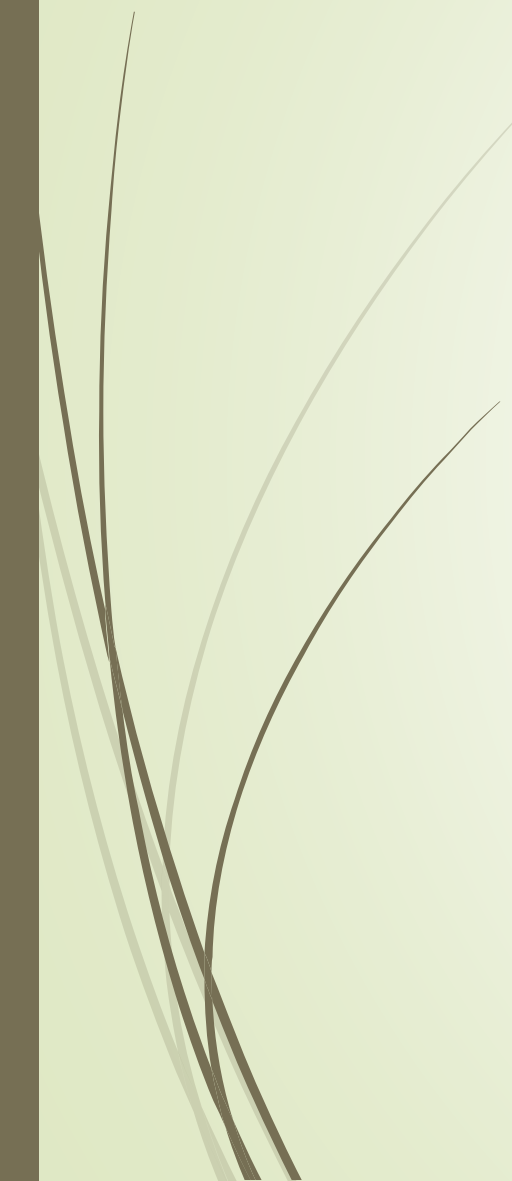
What if followers of Jesus were better equipped to live like Jesus, embracing, authentically, every interaction?

42 Seconds helps you to live and speak like Jesus in every conversation throughout your day – at the mailbox, over the fence, and in the grocery store.

Taking cues from Jesus' example, and his own stories, Carl Medearis emboldens you with these simple Kingdom truths so you can share your life in Jesus with others in the most natural ways.



Be Brave

- Know which fights are yours
 - If necessary stand alone
 - Give God control
 - Be willing to look foolish
 - Find Jesus's balance of grace and truth
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Know which fights are yours

- ▶ Examples of Jesus.
 - ▶ Woman caught in Adultery
 - ▶ The disciples picking and eating grain on the Sabbath
 - ▶ Mary wasn't helping Martha
 - ▶ Peter opposed the crucifixion prediction



Know which fights are yours

- ▶ Ask God where he wants you to take a stand and where he doesn't
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If Necessary stand alone

- ▶ Example of Jesus

- ▶ Mark 1:30-37 & Mark 5 & Matthew 8



If Necessary stand alone

- ▶ Listen to God
- ▶ Listen to the trustworthy and committed people in your life
- ▶ Make your decision to stand
- ▶ Be humble and quick to admit when wrong



Give God Control

- Obedience belongs to us
- The results belong to God's
- Don't take yourself too seriously
- Speak clearly and directly
- Don't be afraid or worry about being convincing.
- Don't over explain, defend or fight back
- Relax and chill
- Be strong in the Lord and the power of his might.
- The battle belongs to Him.



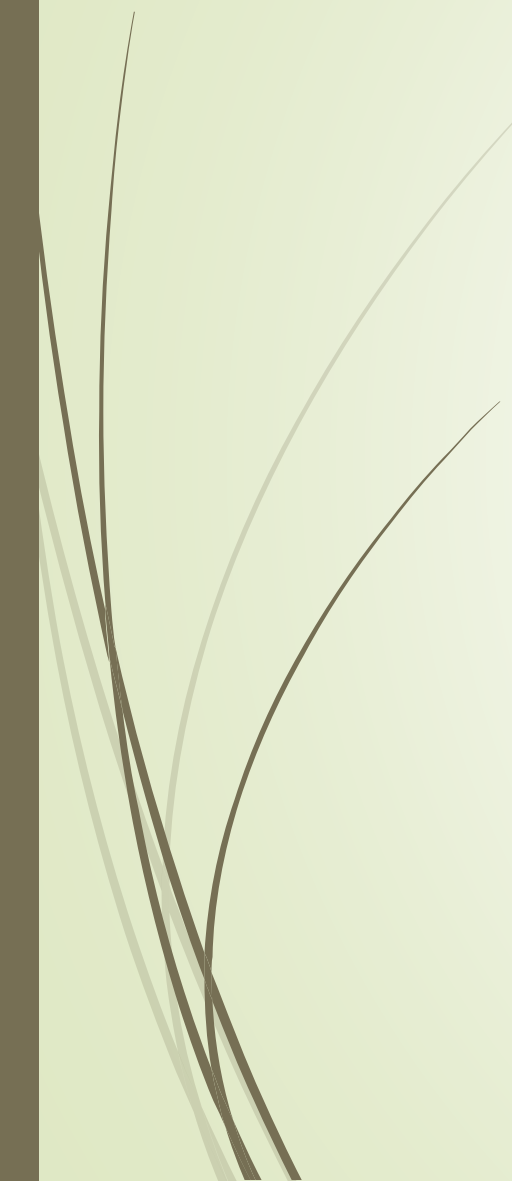
Be willing to look foolish

- Examples of Jesus
- “I’ll build a Temple in 3 days”
- “Eat my flesh & drink my blood to have eternal life”
- Chasing the religious leaders from the temple like he owned the place.
- The religious leaders called Jesus possessed by evil
- His family called him crazy



Be willing to look foolish

- Take risks. Faith is a risk
 - Don't regard your reputation
 - God chooses the foolish things to shame the wise

 - "That reminds me of something Jesus once said"
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Find Jesus's balance of Grace and Truth

- ▶ Examples of Jesus
 - ▶ John 8 – the woman trapped
 - ▶ John 8 – the entitled crowd (lineage and paternity)
- ▶ Grace should be comforting
- ▶ Truth must be compassionate
- ▶ Truth is the servant of Love, don't let truth go without love



Find Jesus's balance of Grace and Truth

- ▶ A simple rule of thumb:
- ▶ The powerless need the comfort of Grace
- ▶ the powerful need compassionate, confronting Truth
- ▶ Look for a balance of about 95% Grace and 5% Truth



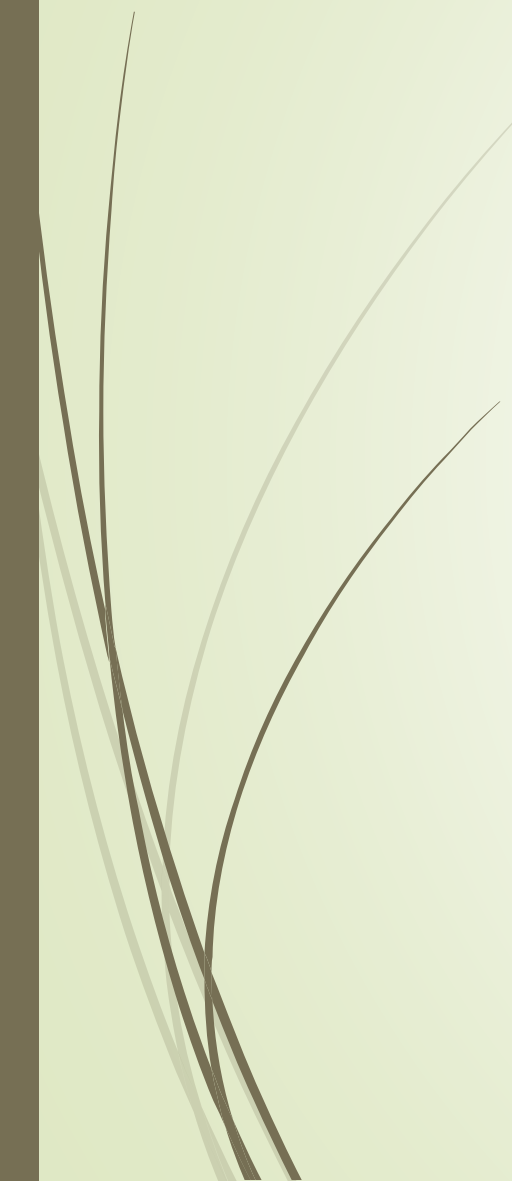
Find Jesus's balance of Grace and Truth

- Hard conversations require
 - Trusting relationships
 - Clear thinking on both sides
 - Sole intent is love. Not to set them straight





Be Jesus

- Do I believe what Jesus believed?
 - Are my actions the same as my words?
 - Do I know Jesus?
 - Do I do what Jesus said?
 - Does Jesus matter more than anything?
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Do I Believe what Jesus Believed

- Belief -> Thoughts -> Actions
- Do I assume that Jesus agrees with
 - Me
 - my church, or
 - my favorite personality?
- Am I in the process of changing my beliefs to Jesus' beliefs?
- Am I spending time in the word and being transformed by it?

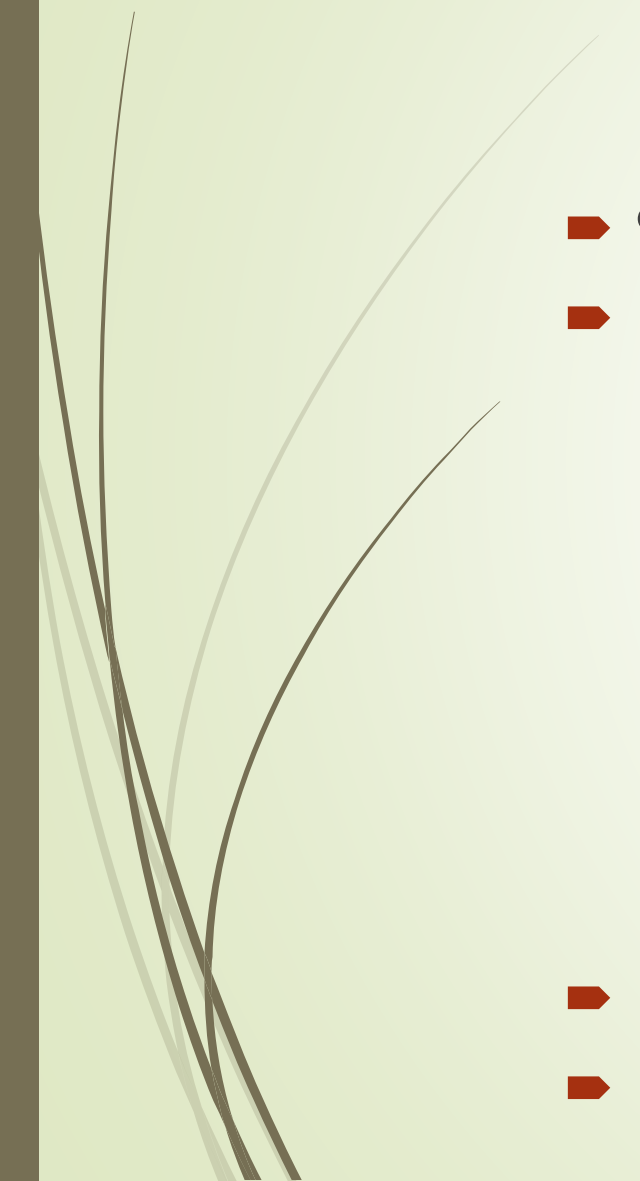


Do I Believe what Jesus Believed

- 1 Jesus believed that God is like a Daddy
- 2 Jesus believed that faith is the key to opening every door, not correct thinking but childlike trust
- 3 Jesus believed in Love
- 4 Jesus believed in humility
- 5 Jesus believed that dying is the key to living
- 6 Jesus believed that everyone is welcome
- 7 Jesus believed that the best life is lived in community
- 8 Jesus believed in being generous



Do I Believe what Jesus Believed

- 9 Jesus believed that change comes from the inside out
 - 10 Jesus believed in an upside down Kingdom.
 - An opposite world.
 - If you're rich, you're poor.
 - Be friends to enemies.
 - Live to Die.
 - Be a child to be mature.
 - Become empty to be full.
 - Forgive to be forgiven.
 - 11 Jesus believed in empathy
 - 12 Jesus believed in forgiveness, received and given
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Are my Actions the same as my words

- Integrity is when a person's words match with their actions

We must never allow the authority of books, institutions or leaders replace the authority of knowing Jesus personally and directly. When the religious views of others interpose between us and the primary experience of Jesus as the Christ we become unconvincing unpersuasive travel agents handing out brochures to places we have never visited.

- Brennen Manning



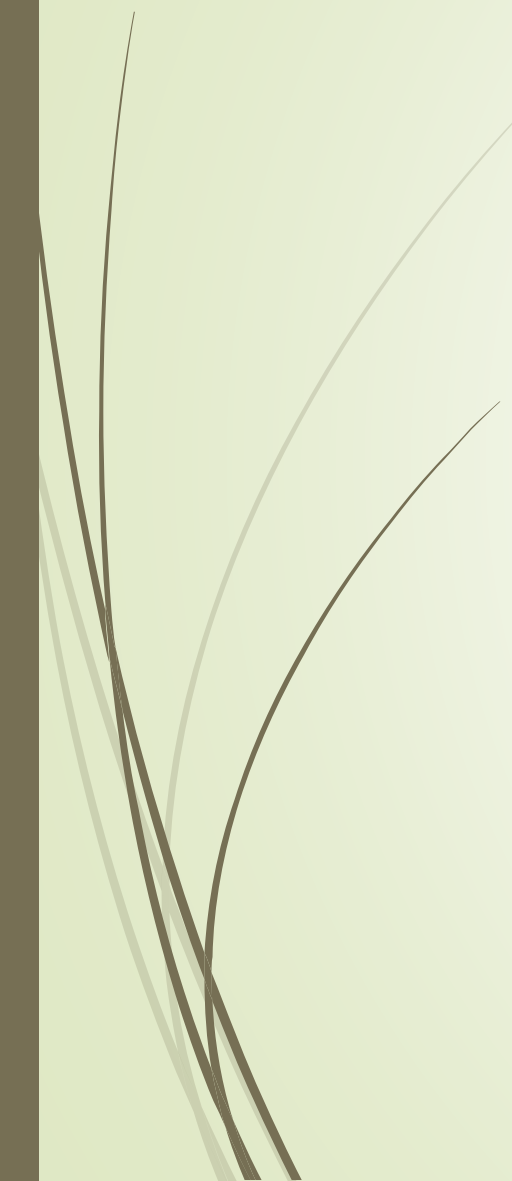
Do I really know Jesus

- ▶ Knowing about Jesus vs Knowing Jesus
- ▶ Beyond having knowledge of Jesus' history
- ▶ Personal stories of ways you have encountered Jesus
- ▶ Would Jesus say to you, "I know you?"

- ▶ I am the vine, you are the branches
- ▶ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be done for you.



Do I do what Jesus did?

- ▶ Love God with everything you have
 - ▶ Love your neighbor as yourself
 - ▶ Pray for enemies
 - ▶ Serve
 - ▶ Give generously
 - ▶ Feed the hungry
 - ▶ Welcome the immigrant
 - ▶ Provide for the poor
 - ▶ Heal the sick
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Do I do what Jesus did?

- Heal the sick
 - the results are up to God
 - Jesus didn't say "pray for the sick"
 - The pattern continued beyond the 12 apostles
 - Like everything else: the key ingredients are love, faith and hope
 - the results are up to God
 - Avoid theatrics or artificial speech
 - Don't work yourself up into a faith frenzy
 - Don't presume
 - **Simply** ask Jesus and allow him to provide the results
 - the results are up to God



Does Jesus matter more than anything?

- ▶ Progression of spiritual development:
 - ▶ Jesus is a part of my life
 - ▶ Jesus is #1 in my life
 - ▶ Everything in my life is about Jesus

- ▶ “Not my will but yours be done”

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