



Speak the Word Church
International
Women's Bible Study
Friday, September 11th
6:30pm to 8:00pm

Phonies, Fakers & Forsakers



Agenda 6:30pm-8:00pm

*Women who have preregistered should attend the online meeting and respond to the invitation that you had received after registration to log into to the Bible Study through Zoom.

GOALS & KEY CONCEPTS:

- To cultivate authenticity, genuine and honesty in our relationship with the Lord and to disallow phoniness, fakeness and forsaking behaviors.
- To understand a biblical framework of authenticity, genuineness, honesty and sincerity in our valued relationships.
- To identify, accept and maximize your "God-connection" relationships and to identify, disallow and minimize the influence of unhealthy relationships in your life.
- To understand the power of godly discernment.
- To learn or increase communication skills to create an environment of biblical authenticity, genuineness and honesty.

ICEBREAKER

- Why does this topic provide interest to you as a woman? What intrigued you?
- What type of relationships are presenting as phony, fake and forsaking in your life? What types of relationships are presenting authenticity, genuineness and honesty?

A. DEFINITIONS:

- Phony or Phoniness** : 1. Intention to deceive or defraud. 2. Having no basis in fact. 3. Making a false show, putting on an appearance 4. Hypocritical.
- Fake**: 1. Not true, real or genuine. 2. A worthless imitation passed off as genuine. 3. impostor or charlatan 4. To alter, manipulate, to improvise.
- Forsake**: 1. To renounce or turn away from entirely. 2. To abandon, desert or leave. 3. To quit 4. "maroon" – to put ashore on a desolate island or coast and leave to one's fate (historically).

SCRIPTURES FOUNDATION:

- John 14:1-15, John 17:1-8
- John 13:1-30
- Matthew 26:47-54
- Mark 14:53-56, 66-72
- Mark 16:3-7

A. CHRIST IS OUR AUTHENTICITY

John 14 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ²In My Father's house are many ^[a]mansions; if *it were* not so, ^[b]I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. ⁴And where I go you know, and the way you know."⁵ Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. ⁷"If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."

⁸ Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."

⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. ¹¹Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

[...] ¹⁵"If you love Me, ^[a]keep My commandments. ¹⁶And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another ^[a]Helper, that He may abide with you forever— ¹⁷the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

John 17:1-8 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, ²as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He ^[a]should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. ⁴I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. ⁵And now, O Father, glorify Me together ^[a]with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

⁶"I have ^[a]manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. ⁷Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. ⁸For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

Key Points of Authenticity

1. Jesus presents authenticity as the way for how He relates to the disciples and individuals. As a result, it comes as a foundation for us to emulate in terms of being receptive to his invitation to be genuine. John 14:1-17

2. Jesus reflects the image of the Father in an authentic relationship with Him. He invited the disciples into eternal life and includes them in the relationship. John 17:1-8

Here are some keys that we can learn from Jesus on how not to be phony, fake or a forsaking person:

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Questions for Group Discussion

- Have you identified where your heart is in terms of being authentic with Christ?

- How does it make you think and feel when you realize that Christ has defined a relationship with you from His perspective? What does His authenticity do to you?

B. THE PHONIES, THE FAKERS AND FORSAKERS IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST

How did Jesus encounter people who chose to be phony, fake or forsaking towards Him? As our example, we must remember the approach that he took to encounter all the ways of humanity during his time on earth and that through his example we find the solutions of what we need to recognize behaviors in others and ourselves in order to be realigned to reflect his glory. *It says in Philippians 2:5-8 " ⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it ^[u] robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but ^[c] made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. "*

Peter and Judas were two main characters in the Bible who were in the inner circle of Jesus. Jesus made a choice to have them in His ministry and they travelled with Him, worked with Him and yet they forsook Him in one way or another.

There are types of phony, fake and forsaking behaviors that we will focus on in the next section, but let's see how Jesus dealt with Judas, a betrayer and Peter, a "forsaker".

JOHN 13:1-30 NEW KING JAMES VERSION

¹³ Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

² And ^[u]supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him, ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. ⁵ After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel with which He was girded. ⁶ Then He came to Simon Peter. And *Peter* said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?"

⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this."

⁸ Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!"

Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me."

⁹ Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also *my* hands and *my* head!"

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash *his* feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you." ¹¹ For He knew who would betray Him; therefore, He said, "You are not all clean."

¹² So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you ^[u]know what I have done to you? ¹³ You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I

then, *your* Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. ¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

Jesus Identifies His Betrayer

¹⁸ "I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'He who eats ¹⁸ bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me.' ¹⁹ Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am *He*. ²⁰ Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."

²¹ When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." ²² Then the disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom He spoke.

²³ Now there was ²³ leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved. ²⁴ Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke.

²⁵ Then, leaning ²⁵ back on Jesus' breast, he said to Him, "Lord, who is it?"

²⁶ Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped *it*." And having dipped the bread, He gave *it* to Judas Iscariot, *the son* of Simon. ²⁷ Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly." ²⁸ But no one at the table knew for what reason He said this to him. ²⁹ For some thought, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus had said to him, "Buy *those things* we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor.

³⁰ Having received the piece of bread, he then went out immediately. And it was night.

MATTHEW 26:47-54

⁴⁷ And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people.

⁴⁸ Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him." ⁴⁹ Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed Him.

⁵⁰ But Jesus said to him, "Friend, why have you come?"

Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him. ⁵¹ And suddenly, one of those *who were* with Jesus stretched out *his* hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

⁵² But Jesus said to him, "Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will ⁵² perish by the sword. ⁵³ Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?"

MARK 14: 53-56, 66-72

⁵³ And they led Jesus away to the high priest; and with him were assembled all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes. ⁵⁴ But Peter followed Him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he sat with the servants and warmed himself at the fire.

⁵⁵ Now the chief priests and all the council sought testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but found none. ⁵⁶ For many bore false witness against Him, but their testimonies [Ⓜ]did not agree [...]

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⁶⁶ Now as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came. ⁶⁷ And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with Jesus of Nazareth."

⁶⁸ But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are saying." And he went out on the porch, and a rooster crowed.

⁶⁹ And the servant girl saw him again, and began to say to those who stood by, "This is *one* of them." ⁷⁰ But he denied it again.

And a little later those who stood by said to Peter again, "Surely you are *one* of them; for you are a Galilean, [Ⓜ]and your [Ⓜ]speech shows *it*."

⁷¹ Then he began to curse and swear, "I do not know this Man of whom you speak!"

⁷² A second time *the* rooster crowed. Then Peter called to mind the word that Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times." And when he thought about it, he wept.

MARK 16:3-7

³ And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" ⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

⁶ But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. ⁷ But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going [Ⓜ]before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you."

Question - What did Jesus demonstrate to us in terms of how He handled His relationships with Peter and Judas?

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Questions:

- How have you dealt with phony, fake and forsaking behaviors in others or yourself in the past?

- How has serving the Lord helped you in the process of your relationships?
- How can authenticity lead to repentance?

C. WOMEN IN THE BIBLE ~ TYPES OF PHONIES, FAKERS AND FORSAKERS

- 1. Betrayers**
- 2. Naysayers**
- 3. Deceivers/Imposters**
- 4. Liars**
- 5. Instigators**
- 6. Manipulators**

The Word of God identifies behaviors and characteristics of inauthenticity within the scriptures and reveals women who had deep character flaws. We need to learn and study these behaviors and how they are presented in the scripture. Let's remember that Jesus is our example and the Word of God provides several examples of how people solved problems or remained in their predicament in the Old and New Testament.

1. Delilah - The Betrayal of Samson - Judges 16:1-30

Delilah was promised a trade of silver to reveal Samson's secret strength to the Philistines.

2. Naysaying - The mocking slave girl - Acts 16:16-19

A slave girl made money by fortune telling and Paul casted the evil spirit out of her.

3. Deception - Rebekah Genesis 27: 5-17

Rebekah convinced her son Jacob to deceive his father as if he was his brother Esau.

4. Lying – Rachel Genesis 31:14-16,26-35

Rachel lied to Laban her father about stealing his idols.

5. Instigators - Jezebel 1 – Kings 21:1-29

Ahab, the husband of Jezebel wanted some real estate land from a man named Naboth. Naboth refused to give him the land. Ahab went home and complained to Jezebel. Jezebel took up Ahab's complaint and wrote letters to have Naboth killed and took his land.

6. Manipulating - The Proverbs 7 Woman 7:4-27

The book of Proverbs presents a crafty woman who manipulates men as they pass by her home. She invites them into her home making false promises and manipulating their relationship which brings the man to equate to nothing. The wisdom of the Bible indicates that this type of woman's example should not be emulated by women or engaged with by men.

EXTRA NOTES: