

# **five things God uses to GROW your faith**

## **MATTHEW 6:1-6**

“Be careful not to practice your acts of righteousness in before men to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. <sup>2</sup>“So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. <sup>3</sup>But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. <sup>5</sup>“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. <sup>6</sup>But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

## **THE “D” WORD**

- ▶ Discipline Is a bad word with a \_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ Discipline: Doing what you don’t want to do now, so that you can do what you want to do later .

**God wants to grow in you a BIG FAITH!**

- Practical Teaching - Providential Relationships
- Private Disciplines - Personal Ministry
- Pivotal Circumstances

## **5 CATALYSTS GOD USES TO GROW YOUR FAITH PRIVATE DISCIPLINES**

### **Discipline #1: GIVING**

- ▶ Giving \_\_\_\_\_ your faith
- ▶ Giving money \_\_\_\_\_  
because it means letting go of the very thing we trust in rather than God.

### **Discipline #2: PRAYER**

- ▶ Prayer \_\_\_\_\_ your faith
- ▶ Prayer is an expression of \_\_\_\_\_  
on God.

**Discipline requires a pre-decision!**

### **30 Day Challenge:**

- ▶ Give God your first few \_\_\_\_\_  
and your first few \_\_\_\_\_.

## **THE BOTTOM LINE**

**Private disciplines will become**

\_\_\_\_\_ if you will practice them