



*Pastor's Weekly Word:*  
**"WANTED: Authenticity"**

9.7.16

### Mark Your Calendar

*Look at these opportunities to invest in yourself.*

**9.9.16**

AXIS Prayer Gathering at 7pm

**9.17.16**

Newark Breakfast at Bethel A/G 9am

**9.18.16**

Back to Church Sunday & 7th Anniversary

**9.24.16**

NJ Kid's Convention 8am to 5pm

**9.25.16**

West Caldwell Care Center Ministry 2pm

NOTE: Fall Enrichment Night & Home Groups will begin in October.

Today we can buy all sorts of synthetic items like vinyl flooring that is intended to resemble wood or tile. People purchase all sorts of imitation products such as composite decking, 'silk' flowers, cheese product, and chocolate flavored candies. It's no wonder that people are looking for what is authentic. Sometimes, branding can be intentionally deceitful such as "genuine synthetic leather", which is basically communicating that the item is really made of fake leather. I'm convinced that people care more about what they see than our words or ascribed beliefs. Essentially, the world around us desires to see who we really are as followers of Jesus. There are two main approaches to sharing the hope we have in Christ. We can either curse the darkness by yelling at the world and complaining about how sinful a sinful world really is, or we can light a candle and the shine light that reveals God's truth, peace, and love. Authenticity is about walking in faith in the midst of our genuine struggles in a manner that reveals the power of God at work. We are all broken people, yet we can chose to allow God's light to shine through the cracks of our brokenness. Today, consider how God's faithfulness has sustained you in trying, and how you might share the story of His power, grace, and love.

"For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ."

- 2 Corinthians 4: 6

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