



PART FOUR: THE POINT IS...  
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### STEPS TO GENUINE FAITH

#### 1. DEFINITIVE POINT

There should be a marker in your life where you know distinctly, decisively that you have placed your faith in God through believing in Jesus, committing to follow Him and also getting baptized. This is the starting point of Genuine Faith. A reluctance, hesitation, procrastination in this area is counter to the whole idea of faith and trust. This is a prayer, an event of clear decision to surrender your life to Him even when we don't know exactly where that decision will take us. That is the decision of faith. Genuine Faith is something we choose to build.

#### 2. GET EQUIPPED

Having made the decision to become a follower of Christ and experiencing baptism brings us through the threshold where we are now connected with God spiritually. It is described as "receiving the Holy Spirit". Good! This is a terrific boost. But there is also work involved. Paul wrote to Timothy instructing him to study hard to show himself approved as a good worker for God who could accurately handle the word of God. We need the wisdom that comes from the Bible, the power that comes from prayer, the support that comes from relationships. This takes intention, effort, discipline and work. To really live the mission, we must be equipped.

#### 3. LIVE THE MISSION

I like this phrase that I stole from Leanna, who stole it from someone else. We don't just sign up for a mission, show up or go on a mission trip, we live a mission every day all the time. We are never not on mission. It is our outlook. We view our whole life and every day through the lens of living God's mission in the moment. The mission of course is to love God and love others. There is much to learn to be able to do this most effectively but having this mission-perspective is the whole point of why we are created and why we need genuine faith.



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