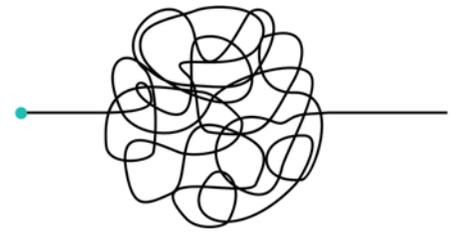


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BELIEVING JESUS COMPLETED

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INTRODUCTION

Last week, Pastor John launched a new three-week series entitled *Work in Progress*. The focus of this post-Easter series is to help people see faith is a journey and everybody has to start somewhere. As a “No Matter” church, PLC welcomes people where they are and helps them find and know Jesus. In this week’s message, Pastor Jesse speaks on a crucial next step of believing in what He’s done.

DISCUSSION

1. **Read John 6:28-29.** We simply need to believe in Him and what He has done on the cross for us. Share a time in your life when it was difficult to simply believe in Him. What did you do to overcome that difficulty?
2. **Read Colossians 1:29.** We strive to make ourselves and others mature in Christ. As a “work in progress,” share a time when you were intentional about giving God room in your life. How did that help your belief in who God is?
3. **Read Philippians 1:6.** We are a “work in progress,” but He will be with us until He returns. Through His grace, we are embodied in steps of obedience. Share a time when, even though you were in doubt, you were obedient to His calling. How did that change your walk with Him?

DO SOMETHING

1. Ask yourself, “What do I believe about Jesus?” followed by, “What does that mean to me?” Write down your answers in a journal. Reflect on those as you continue as a work in progress for Him.
2. We must be intentional in our walk with God by regularly reading the Bible, praying, attending church and/or being in relationship with other believers, just to name a few. Incorporate one or more of these into your daily/weekly rhythms or continue in your already established rhythms. Share your next your next steps with your campus pastor or someone in your small group.
3. Regardless of where you are in your faith as you continue to be a “work in progress,” reflect on what God has done in your life. Now, reflect on what you have done in your walk for Him. There is a middle ground in our walk with God. Where do you see yourself needing to grow in your relationship with Him? Ask God for guidance, while believing Jesus has and will complete you in your walk with Him.

RESOURCES

1. Check out the RightNow Media series *Why I Believe* by Chip Ingram. He provides solid, logical answers to satisfy the heart and mind of those who are seeking. If you or someone you know has genuine questions about issues at the core of human existence, this apologetic series is an excellent resource.
2. In *12 “Christian” Beliefs That Can Drive You Crazy*, Henry Cloud debunks commonly accepted beliefs that cause bondage rather than liberty. He explains how nuggets of truth become cornerstones for error when wrongly understood and builds solid scriptural foundations that produce emotional freedom.
3. Try this study on the book of John from RightNow Media.