



BRIDGING the GAP
a study of Romans
Part 5: THE JOURNEY

Keeping it Real
Romans 12:9-21

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For some people the practice of religion is all about certain rituals and sacraments. For others it's about getting in touch with one's inner self or getting caught up with emotion in spiritual experiences.

But in fact, real Christian faith is not primarily concerned with any of these things. It is plainly centered on a genuine personal relationship with Jesus Christ and it is very practical in nature.

In today's study, we will see the inherently practical nature of Christian faith and learn the importance of keeping it real.

LEARNING FROM GOD'S WORD . . .

➤ *To keep it real, Christian faith involves a personal relationship with Christ that results in a life that is _____ by Christ.*

1. _____ with genuine love (v. 9-10).

Mt. 22:37-39; Ps. 97:10a; 1 Th. 5:21-22; Jn. 13:35

2. _____ with spiritual passion (v. 11-13).

Ps. 42:1-2a; Rev. 2:4; 3:15-16

3. _____ to walk in humility (v. 14-17).

Mic. 6:8; 1 Pt. 5:6

4. _____ kindly on your enemy (v. 18-21).

○ _____ your heart to forgiveness (v. 18-19).

○ _____ evil with goodness (v. 20-21).

Heb. 12:14a; Deut. 32:35-36a

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD . . .

✓ *Have you _____ God's forgiveness?*

✓ *Is there _____ you need to forgive?*