



Trait #3- "Denying Core Beliefs"
Day 1

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-8;

What are our core beliefs? They are beliefs that can't be compromised!

1. Jesus died
2. Jesus's death payed for our sins
3. Jesus was buried
4. He rose from the grave 3 days later
5. The bible is the final authority, the infallible Word of God, and speaks only Truth

How can one deny his or her core beliefs?

Have you ever denied your core beliefs? Remember before you answer, You can deny through your words and/or through your actions (lifestyle), both of which spring from our heart? (Read Matthew 15:16-20)

If we are honest with ourselves, most of us have at one time or another. Maybe it was peer pressure, or something else. That's not the important thing. Remember, ONCE FOR EVERY TIME PETER DENIED HIM, JESUS RESTORED HIM TO THE HOPE THAT HE KNEW!

Read John 21:15-19.

How do you think Peter felt after this confrontation with Jesus?



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Are you aware that you can go to church everyday, and read the bible everyday, but still deny your core beliefs!?

Read John 5:16-47;

“ You search the scriptures, for in them you think you have salvation, but it is those very pages which speak of Me “

Jesus said this probably to the Pharisees and Sadducees. Now they didn't believe He was the Messiah, but we do. What can we learn from this statement that Jesus made?

Do you base your salvation on the fact that you attend church every Sunday? Or perhaps, you even read the bible? Maybe you even do both?

This week we are celebrating Jesus' death and Resurrection. Do you think He went through all that torture, just hoping you might go to church or read the bible? Think about this question today.

Read Luke 15:11-32 (This story is about YOU and ME). How can you relate to this story?



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In John 5:39b He says " and yet it is these pages which speak of Me "

Did you know there are at least 365 prophecies that speak of the coming of the Messiah (God as Savior in human form)?

Read Matthew 26:47-56 (give special attention to verses 54-56)

Did you know the bible was written over the span of about 1600 years?

Many people lost their lives (including our Jesus) to bring us this book. Do you think there is a reason for that? What do you think God is trying to communicate to you and I through these thoughts?

Read Jeremiah 29:11-14;

How does this verse make you feel?

Read Matthew 19:16-26;(give special attention to verse 26)



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Read Isaiah 53:1-12

..... read it again!

Take today, and really think about this chapter.

At the end of today, write down what this chapter says to you.



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Day 5

Read Psalm 22;

Here is something to ponder. This is a psalm written by David about a thousand years before Christ. This is a prophetic psalm. David may have wrote this concerning something he was going through, but it was prophetic of what Christ was seeing, thinking, and praying as He was hanging on the Cross. **Think about that for a second.**

Read Psalm 22 again.

verse 1.; does this sound familiar? see Matthew 27:46

verse 7; how about this one? see Matthew 27:39-44

verses 14-15; His bones are out of joint from hanging their on the cross, His tongue clings to His jaws. (in thirst) see John 19:28

verse 16 (Isaiah 53), see Matthew 27:35;

verse 18 Matthew 27:35

That is truly an amazing picture. Spend today reminding yourself of what Jesus did for your sins.