



## Get Real: Cultivating Authentic Faith in an Artificial World

- Part 1:** Authentic Leadership (Luke 20:1–25)
- Part 2:** Authentic Faith (Luke 20:45–21:4)
- Part 3:** Authentic Savior (Luke 22:1–20)
- Part 4:** Authentic Greatness (Luke 22:24–34)
- Part 5: Authentic Prayer (Luke 22:39–53)**

### Have you ever prayed a prayer that was not answered?

#### The Power of Authentic Prayer:

##### I. Jesus prayed an authentic prayer.

**Luke 22:39–42** *And He came out and proceeded as was His custom to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples also followed Him. <sup>40</sup>When He arrived at the place, He said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.” <sup>41</sup>And He withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and He knelt down and began to pray, <sup>42</sup>saying, “Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done.” (NASB)*

- The disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. (Matthew 6, Luke 11)
- Jesus taught His disciples to pray for their enemies. (Matthew 5:44)
- Jesus taught His disciples not to make a show of their prayers, but to pray in secret to God who is in secret. (Matthew 6:5)
- Jesus went to the mountains to pray. (Mark 4:46, Luke 6:12, etc.)
- Jesus prayed the High Priestly Prayer. (John 17)
- Jesus prayed with the little children. (Matthew 19:13)

##### II. The Father heard Jesus’ prayer.

**Luke 22:43–46** *Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him. <sup>44</sup>And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground. <sup>45</sup>When He rose from prayer, He came to the disciples and found them sleeping from sorrow, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not enter into temptation.” (NASB)*

##### III. The Father answered Jesus’ prayer, but not the way Jesus wanted.

**Luke 22:47–51** *While He was still speaking, behold, a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was preceding them; and he approached Jesus to kiss Him. <sup>48</sup>But Jesus said to him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?” <sup>49</sup>When those who were around Him saw what was going to happen, they said, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?” <sup>50</sup>And one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. <sup>51</sup>But Jesus answered and said, “Stop! No more of this.” And He touched his ear and healed him. (NASB)*



## Take a step in faith this week:

- Consider what disciplines you could start this Lent to grow in grace. **Three ideas:**
  - a. Come to **Wednesday Night Dinner (5:30pm) & Discipleship (6:30pm)**, and join a small group if you're not in a group or class already, to grow with your church family. Email Pam at [pcharbonneau@christchurchva.org](mailto:pcharbonneau@christchurchva.org) to learn more about Faith Groups.
  - b. **Consider Wednesday fasts** leading up to our Wednesday dinners. (Check with your doctor if fasting is new to you.)
  - c. **Read Through the New Testament in 2024** with your pastors and church family, using the YouVersion Bible App to keep together and encourage one another along the way. Our pastors discuss readings in our **Daily Online Bible Study (DOBS)** each weekday at noon via [LIVE.CHRISTCHURCHVA.ORG](https://LIVE.CHRISTCHURCHVA.ORG). Learn more and join in here: [CHRISTCHURCHVA.ORG/BIBLEPLANS](https://CHRISTCHURCHVA.ORG/BIBLEPLANS)
- **Let us know you are here today.** Fill out a Connection Card every Sunday through either the Christ Church app or the Connection Card tab in the top menu bar of the Online Campus Platform ([LIVE.CHRISTCHURCHVA.ORG](https://LIVE.CHRISTCHURCHVA.ORG)). This helps us stay up-to-date and connected to your needs and well-being.
- **Go to our weekly online bulletin** and get involved with mission and ministry this week. Use the Christ Church app, or the Resources tab\* in top menu bar of the Online Campus Platform, to access the current edition each week.
- Sign up to serve! Contact Bev at [badams@christchurchva.org](mailto:badams@christchurchva.org) for suggestions.

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