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# EXTREME FAITH

## How Honest are You?

"Honesty always telling the  
truth and living  
out of the truth?"

## Living F a c e with two s It's just confusing!

**BE WHO YOU SAY YOU ARE, LIVE WHAT YOU BELIEVE...**

### Be true...

Be True to yourself and to the other people around you. If you wanted to build something that would stand and last the first thing that you would need after the plans are drawn up, is a solid foundation! You have to have a solid foundation one that will stand against everything. Being true to yourself is the starting point of that foundation. Others might say being true to God would be the first point, but to me I believe that they are the same. When we are true to who we are to ourselves we are being true to God as well, because we are comfortable with who He made us to be.

What does being true to yourself have to do with honesty? Well let me tell you that when you are true to yourself you really don't have a need to lie, or deceive people. Another way to look at it is this. When you aren't true to yourself and you say one thing but do another you are living the life of a hypocrite. For some sad reason this word has been used to identify christians, because we tend to say one thing and then do another. Now we could argue that we do the best we can and our relationship with God goes beyond our failures and that the world just doesn't understand. But we aren't going there. Here is where we are going. Do you live out Jesus's Faith, each and every day that you

live? Just had lunch with a very wise man and he summed it up this way. When we accept Jesus as Savior we are living out of our faith. But the next step is to live life with the faith of Jesus. This is the difference between someone who says one thing and then does something else. To the person who does exactly what they say. When we live out Jesus's faith, we follow up what we say we believe with our actions. We must not say one thing and then do something else. We have back our words with real actions, and a life of being true to ourselves. Jesus put it this way in **Matt. 7:3-53** **"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? 4 How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.** Living life to follow Jesus we have to live out His faith, and follow through with actions to our words, we have to be honest with who we are and in that be so ever thankful for the love that God gives us each day. Live out your faith, knowing who you are and being honest with yourself and others as you go your way.



Two Faced...

How real are you with your friends? Do you tell them one thing to their face and then say something else behind their back? Do you live a double life. Showing one thing to this group and then something else to another group? Living a double life is no way to live, it is just plain exhausting. It will catch up with you and then you will have no where to turn. But why would anyone chose to live this way? Because they don't know who they are. We have mask that make us feel safe and secure. We all long to feel safe and secure, but we need to know who we are and live out who we are to truly feel safe and secure. We have seen two faced people all our lives so it is easy to just do the same thing. Learning who God says you are and believing Him at His word and action is the safest step to ending a double life.

# We have to be Lead by something More!

"Let Us Love " by Needtobreathe

"Let Us Love"

We were born to embrace, not accept it  
We were given nothing more, and so we kept it  
As the colors of our boots keep fading  
We live a life that we hate without saying  
Who would listen to the cries of a poor man  
We've never done nothing  
How could we be something  
Every heart has an hour of existence  
Every breath brings a chance for redemption  
If somehow we could wake up  
Let us love  
Like we were children  
Make us feel  
Like we're still living  
In a world I know that's burning to the ground  
Give us time  
To beat the system  
Make us find  
What we've been missing  
In a world I know that's burning to the ground  
In the crowd of the dead and disappointed  
We're ashamed, giving up on what we wanted  
Take a chance on a long shot this time  
Aren't we all just at least worth another try  
I'm a king in the land of abuses  
Undermined by the promise of excuses  
Who's to win if we know that it's not fair  
Who would fight when it seems that no one cares  
If somehow we could wake up  
Let us love  
Like we were children  
Make us feel  
Like we're still living  
In a world I know that's burning to the ground  
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To beat the system



This song is featured on  
The Outsiders album  
by  
Needtobreathe



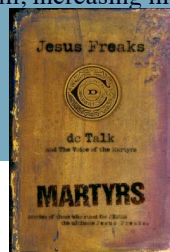
# Real Life Heroes

The Last Scottish Martyr  
Walter Milne  
82 years old  
Scotland 1551

Finally Oliphant, the archbishops priest, faced the feeble old man. "Will you recant? If not, I will sentence you." Walter Milne replied, "I am accused of my life. I know I must die once and therefore, as Christ said to Judas, what thou doest, do quickly. I will not recant the truth. I am corn, not chaff; I will not be blown away with the wind or burst by the flail I will survive both." Walter Milne, once a parish priest, heard the Gospel and was converted. He was put in prison for his beliefs, but he escaped. He hid for a while and then began to preach again. He was forced into hiding a second time, but was finally captured and tried for heresy at the age of eighty-two. At his trial he was so feeble both because of his age and the mistreatment he suffered in prison that he couldn't climb the platform. Nevertheless, when he began to speak, he made the courtroom ring with such courage and power that the Christians who were present rejoiced. One by one his beliefs were examined, and he did not give in. Oliphant sentenced Milne to be burned as a heretic, but his boldness and faith had so moved the heart of the mayor that he refused to be his judge. In fact, the whole town was so offended with Milne's unfair sentence that they refused to sell the bishop a single rope or tar barrel. After much delay, everything was ready. When Oliphant ordered him to climb up to the stake, he refused. "No! By the law of God, I am forbidden to kill myself. But if you will put me up there and take part in my death, I will go up gladly." Oliphant lifted the old man up to the stake. Milne prayed, then addressed the people: "Dear friends, I do not suffer today for any crime, but only for the defense of the faith of Jesus Christ, as set forth in the Old and New Testament. As other faithful martyrs have offered themselves gladly, knowing that they will receive eternal joy, I praise God today, that He has called me also, to seal up His truth with my life. I have received this life from Him, and I willingly offer it for His glory. It you too would escape eternal death, depend only on Jesus Christ and His mercy, that you may be delivered from eternal judgment." While Milne spoke, there was great mourning in the crowd. As the fire was lit, he cried, "Lord, have mercy on me! Pray, people, while there is time!" The crowd was greatly stirred and moved by his words and prayers. Their hearts were so inflamed by his death that thousands joined him in his faith. So many declared themselves willing to die for their beliefs that the Scottish government re-examined their views on executing "heretics."

The Lord told the Apostle Paul, "My grace is enough for you. When you are weak, my power is made perfect in you" (2 Corinthians 12:9 NCV), Walter Milne was living proof of this promise. The Spirit of God worked so miraculously in him, increasing his

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Martyrs



# CHARACTER

## EXTREME APPLICATION

Who are you do you know? Do you like who you are? These are character traits, that you should be developing right now. Knowing who you are and what you were made for is the most freeing thing that you will ever experience! We were made to be like Him. We were made to live out of His Faith. His faith is so great and so strong that the world could not defeat it! Learning who you are starts by learning who He is....

## Think About it (What does it take)

What does it take to not live a life as a two faced person? You might be thinking that I am not two faced, I am me. If that is you then that is awesome. I believe that many of us are true to ourselves, and we show people who we are just as we are. But there are those times those moments when challenges come our way and well it might seem easier to change who we are. It's called pressure, when we are under pressure we then tend to change who we are. It might be that our friends are not living up to who they are and they want us to follow them, they might want us to do what they are doing. It's hard to be who you are when your friends are not being who they are and they are asking us to change who we are. It is at those moments that we can be torn to stay true to ourselves or follow the crowd. In the end if we are staying true to ourselves we are staying true to God. If we stay true to God, then you can bet there will be pressure, from the crowd.

So how do we do this? How do we stay true to God and ourselves? We have to support each other. We have to know that when we are tempted to go the other way and become two faced that someone will call us out and have our back.

Who are your friends that have your back, who is watching out for you! Who are you watching out for? The world will bring the pressure every time, there is nothing more pleasing to the thief then when we the believers fail. We have to stand our ground and show the world, the people who know you that we know who we are and we will stay true to who we are.

Know who you are and know what you stand for, and live life to the full knowing that you will always stand the test and be true to yourself! When we can do that we will see that people will follow us and long to know why we are different than the rest of the world!



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Read: Matt. 7:3-53 “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? 4 How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

1. What does the word hypocrisy mean to you?

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2. What do you think? The main reason why Christian young people act like hypocrites is because—

- They cave in to peer pressure
- That's the way teenagers are
- They are forced to be hypocrites by their parents or guardians
- They know what they're doing is wrong but they do it anyway
- They don't know any better
- They're just being rebellious a Other—

3. Do you think each of these statements is T (true) or F (false)?

- \_\_\_ If you're in junior high or middle school, you have to be a hypocrite to survive.
- \_\_\_ Some people are bigger hypocrites than others.
- \_\_\_ Being a hypocrite is the same thing, no matter how big of one you are.
- \_\_\_ People are hypocrites because they worry about what others think of them.
- \_\_\_ Christians are less hypocritical than other people.

4. How often do you live what you believe?

- Everyday
- Most every day
- Some days
- Sundays

5. Why is it easier to see hypocrisy in someone else than it is to see it in yourself?

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6. Look up Matthew 7:3-5 and write how you think Christ's words apply specifically to you?

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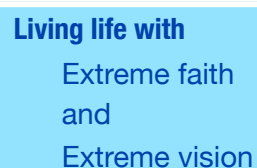
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# UNDERSTANDING HONESTY

**Look it over, read the story again, dig into the questions and write out your thoughts...**

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