

Jesus Gives Real Assurance

(How God gave us the one thing we needed most)
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Synthetic Faith

Is a **merging of myth**.

Is a **melding of methods**.

Is a **manipulation of meaning**.

Authentic Faith

It is **supernatural**.

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?’ ‘Yes, Lord,’ she replied, ‘I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.’” (John 11:25-27 NIV)

It is **transformative**.

It is **exclusive**.

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12 NIV)

It is **enduring**.

What We Think We Need

We think we need **certainty**.

We think we need **clarity**.

What we need is **assurance**.

“The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.’ Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.” (John 10 NIV)

4 Things I Know

God knows **who I am**.

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I **never knew you**. Away from me, you evildoers!’” (Mat 7:21-23 NIV)

God knows **where I am**.

God knows **what I’m facing**.

God cares **enough to move**.

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28 NIV)