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Topic: Practical Faith Chapters: Luke 1 - 4 January 5th, 2022

11am Bible Study: Pastor Will Lloyd, IV, M.T.S.

Central Text: Luke 1:79, NKJV, 79 To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace."

1.Identify Current Test, Believe God, & Prove It - Luke 1:20, NKJV, But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time. Luke 1:45, NKJV, 45 Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord. Luke 1:60, NKJV, His mother answered and said, "No; he shall be called John." Luke 1:63-64, NKJV, 63 And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, "His name is John." So they all marveled. 64 Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, praising God.

Question for Internal Reflection and Identification (write it down): So what's your current life's test and how can you prove you believe God by your actions in the test?

Question for Dialogue: What are some definite ways we can fail our test whatever it is?

2.Fight Temptation - Luke - Luke 4:7-8, NKJV, 7 Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours." 8 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'

Question for Dialogue: Often we regret sinful actions when we're dealing with consequences, but what are some reasons that the risk of consequences don't stop us from sinning in the first place?

3.Realize We'll Be Rejected At Home - Luke 4:24, NKJV, 24 Then He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country. **Luke 4:28-30, NKJV,** 28 So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, 29 and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff. 30 Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way.

Question for Dialogue: Should we internalize the hurt we feel from others? If not, what is a good approach to let someone know that they've deeply hurt us?

- **4.Provide For The Physical Needs Of People Luke 4:40, NKJV,** 40 When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them.
- **5.Keep Preaching The Kingdom Of God Wherever You Go Luke 4:42-44, NKJV,** 42 Now when it was day, He departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowd sought Him and came to Him, and tried to keep Him from leaving them; 43 but He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent." 44 And He was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.

Question for Dialogue: If you were out and about someplace and someone asked you, can you tell me in basic terms what the Kingdom Of God is all about, what would you tell them?