

**“Closing the Divide  
through  
Faith”**

# Personal Development

- What is Faith?
- How does faith fit into one's personal development?
- How has faith in God helped with your own personal development?
- What is your journey?

# Appearance

- God judges by faith and character, not by outward appearance.
- Only God can see on the inside and only he can accurately judge people.
- Everyone can see your face, only you and God know what your heart really looks like.

# Appearance

- What steps can a person take to improve their heart's attitude?

# The Journey

- The journey is what really matters!
- Learning is more important than the test!
- Where are your priorities?

# Ordinary People

- Success is uncommon and not to be enjoyed by the common man... (Carl Stoll, University of Minnesota Football Coach)
- God takes ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

# Priorities

- Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be given unto you.... (Matthew 6:33)

# Call to Serve

- Whatever your occupation it is what you are doing now, it is not your life's work.
- You must continue to prepare for your life's work.
- Whosoever wants to be a leader among you must first be your servant, and whosoever wants to be first among you must become your servant.  
(Matthew 20:26-27)

# Studying

- **“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth”. (2 Timothy 2:15)**

# Commitment

- Commit your actions to the Lord, and your plans will succeed. (Proverbs 16:3)

# Ministry to Men

- Army
- Air Force
- Marines
- Navy

# Iron Sharpens Iron

- **Iron sharpens iron; so a man sharpens the countenance of his friends.  
(Proverbs 27:17)**

# Conclusion

- The very thing that you are willing to give up determines the amount of blessings you shall receive. (Unknown)