

IS MY FAITH A HOBBY OR AN AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS?

- Do you go through your day thinking of all the things you could do that you know would make God smile?
- Do you have a passion for worship that goes beyond the time set aside for it in your church service?
- Do you go through your normal day with a mind-set of wanting to walk closely with God?
- Do you enjoy the people you go to church with, think of them throughout the week, and pray for them on a regular basis?
- Do you want more than anything else to be transformed more and more into the image of Christ?
- Do you feel hurt when you sin? Do you ache when you know you've acted unkindly toward God or toward one of His precious creations?
- Are you conscious of ongoing spiritual battles and constant appealing to God through prayer for the Holy Spirit's power over them?
- Do you have an insatiable appetite for God's Word? Do you look forward to spending time with Him in the Bible every day?
- Do you consistently take responsibility for your wrong actions, make no excuses, and ask the people you've wronged for forgiveness?
- Do you serve in areas of God's work that stretch you and force you to function outside all your areas of confidence, doing things that don't come easily to you?
- Do you give money sacrificially, offering to God more than "tips" that can be easily spared?
- Do you have an ongoing love for the lost people that surround you, especially those whose sin has an impact on you?
- Do you live and long for opportunities to tell people how your relationship with Jesus started?
- Are you quick to tell others about the life lessons you've learned from walking with Jesus?
- Do you have special areas of passion God has placed in your heart that you go out of your way to meet, such as the hungry, the sick, the disenfranchised, the unborn, moral public policy issues, youth, divorced people, single parents, or foreign missions?
- Do you know how to tell someone how to become a Christian and look for opportunities every day to share the gospel?
- Is your concern for God's influence in the world bigger than your immediate family and local community? In other words, are you concerned about getting God's message of the good news of salvation out to the entire world, so much so that you are willing to do more than just pray about this issue?

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