

CREED

Believers Are Blessers

AT A GLANCE:

Our talk series, CREED is about our core beliefs as Jesus Followers, core beliefs written down in our ancient Creeds— yes, there is a handful. In this talk series, we examine three special gifts the Creeds give us: Convic-tions, Communion, and Commission.

AFTER THE SERIES:

You will discover where the Creeds come from, how they happened, and thus have a deeper appreciation of our core beliefs. In the process, you will truly live according to what you profess as your core principle—yes, you will walk your talk, and truly be a Jesus Follower.

Talk 1: “Conviction”

WHAT IT’S ALL ABOUT:

The dictionary says the word conviction means a firmly held belief or opinion. Synonyms or other words for conviction are: *belief, opinion, view, thought, persuasion, idea, position, stance.*

Talk 1 points out that your Creed defines who you are. Your Creed is everything about you— your relationships, job, family, money, your daily life.

I. REVIEW THE KEY BIBLE VERSES:

Our key passage for Talk 1: *If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.* (Romans 10:9-10 NIV)

As the sub-title for talk 1 puts it: *If You Believe The Creed, You’ll Live Differently*

Beliefs impact behavior.

II. ASK FOR REACTIONS AND REFLECTIONS

Ask for sharing on the **Four Spiritual Principles from Our Creed:**

1st Spiritual Principle:

God Works Through Patience:

It took centuries to create our Creeds. God is patient. God is never in a hurry.

If you believe in our Creed, are you patient? If you’re waiting for something, and it’s taking too long, do you declare, “It will come in God’s perfect time?”

Share a situation which tried your patience.

2nd Spiritual Principle:

God Works Through Problems

In response to all the strange beliefs cropping up during its time, the early Catholic Church was forced to create the Creeds. They were compelled to define, defend, and declare their beliefs. Without these heresies, we wouldn’t have our Creeds today.

Our Creeds were crafted as a response to problems. Without chaos, we wouldn’t have the Creed. This verse is so true: *And we*

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Communion

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Talk 4:
Big Day

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know that all things work together for good to those who love God... (Romans 8:28 NKJV)

If you truly believe our Creed, how do you respond to your problems? Do you firmly say: God will work through my chaos? Share a problem you struggled with recently.

3rd Spiritual Principle:

God Works Through People

In creating our Creed, God worked with fumbling, stumbling nincom-poops called people. He used their thoughts, emotions, biases, background, arguments, even failures, to craft the Creed.

Why? Because God wanted His people taking part in building His Kingdom on earth.

If you truly believe in our Creed, do you really believe God believes in you?

Share your doubts.

4th Spiritual Principle:

God Works Through Professions

God didn't create the stars and planets and mountains and oceans with His hands. Instead, He spoke them into being. Except for man, He created everything with His Word. He said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

In some minuscule way, we share in that amazing power. After all, we're made in His image. We too can speak things into being.

Share what you say the minute you wake up in the morning. Do you say: "Haaaaay buhay, parang life..."

Or: "This is the day that the Lord has made; I will rejoice and be glad in it!"

III. PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Pray that members will always declare "I'm God's beloved..." "I believe in God..." "I come from God. Every fiber of my being comes from Him. His fingerprints are all over my soul." "I believe in God the Father..." "I'm God's child! He loves me!" "I believe in God the Father Almighty..." "God is bigger, stronger, and mightier than whatever I'm facing right now."

Now that you know how powerful the Creed is, and how powerful con-fessing it is, **let's do it together:**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Everybody say it: "I'm a believer!"

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