



**NOT ON
MY WATCH**

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**Discussion
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“NOT FAKE”

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THE POINT:

ON MY WATCH, I WILL: BE REAL WITH OTHERS

The Repeats (required)

Yes, they are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our "antennae up", to be looking for it. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another, over the past few weeks.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?*
- Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see "The References" section).
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?*

**someone who was in the Point may need to explain this*

The Reenergizer (optional)

Use this question if you need to get your group talking

- **Play 2 Truths & A Lie.** Have everyone write down 2 things about them that are true and 1 lie. Then the group needs to decide which is which.

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- Let's look at the main passage in reverse: **Read Romans 15:7.** Why is it pointless to be fake before Jesus? Even though Jesus knows everything about us, how does His response to us in v. 7 make you feel?
- Now **Read Romans 15:1-6.** Since we are accepted by God "where we are," how should we feel about others? What does v. 2 say that we gain by being real with others? How would that look in everyday life?
- We all are fake in our lives in one way or another, but, as we've just read, being real is for our own good! Even though this is our first week together, let's not hold back on something so important! Take a few minutes to take a long, hard look at your life now. Read through each of these together, then share which of these "fakes" most describes you:
 - ***Fake is Obvious:*** **Read Luke 18:9-14; Galatians 1:10**
Are you pretending to yourself, yet everyone else can see right through you?
 - ***Fake is Obnoxious:*** **Read 1 John 5:1-10**
Are you lying to yourself, acting like you are perfect & better than you are?
 - ***Fake is Oblivious:*** **Read John 8:41b-47; 1 John 2:4-6**
Is your "fakeness" preventing you from allowing God to change you?
- **Read James 5:16.** Be courageous, take off your mask, and share one *real* failure (Rom. 15:1) in your life, and allow God to begin healing you. [Note: this is *your sin*—not your circumstances...nor excuses...nor what may have been done *to* you. Own it!]
- Close by praying for each other, that God would build you up in Him!

The References

Main Passage: **Romans 15:1-7 (NIV)** *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

Luke 18:9-14 (NIRV) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

..."I tell you, the tax collector went home accepted by God. But not the Pharisee. Everyone who lifts himself up will be brought down. And anyone who is brought down will be lifted up."

Galatians 1:10 (NLT)

Obviously, I'm not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ's servant.

1 John 1:5-10 (NIV) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

John 8:41b-47 (NIRV) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

..."Anyone who belongs to God listens gladly to the words of God. But you don't listen because you don't belong to God."

1 John 2:4-6 (NLT)

If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.

James 5:16 (NIV) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed...