**Part 16 – The After Party**

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**Ten signs your faith is real.**

**Acts 11:19-21**

**Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews.**

**Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. The Lord’s hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.**

**1. You believe in the good news of Jesus Christ .**

**Hebrews 11:6**

**Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.**

**Belief is the first mark of a Christian.**

**2. You take Jesus with you everywhere.**

**3. You tell other people about Jesus.**

**Romans 1:16**

**For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.**

**4. Your trials make you stronger.**

**James 1:2-4**

**Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.**

**Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.**

**James 1:12**

**Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.**

**Acts 11:22-24**

**News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts.**

**He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.**

**5. You earn a good reputation because of your godly life.**

**James 2:19-20**

**You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. How foolish! Can’t you see that faith without good deeds is useless?**

**Acts 3:19**

**Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out…**