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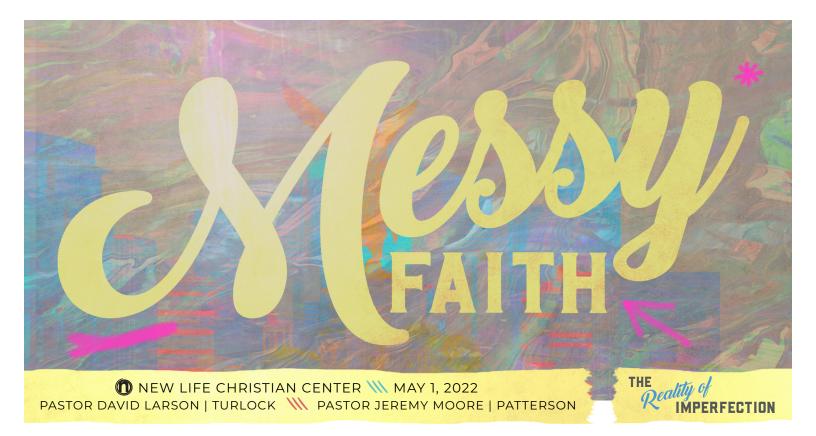
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3. Jesus invites me into a ______ of faith.

There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears. Philippians 1:6 (MSG)

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2. Jesus invites me to stop **PRETENDING**.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[CONNECT]

Do you have a "messy" drawer (or closet or room) in your house? What's in there?

[ENGAGE]

What impacted you most personally from the message?

[GROW]

What would be your definition of "perfect" faith? How does it make you view God and your relationship with Him, knowing you can't be perfect?

Read Romans 3:9-24. This is a longer passage, so try doing it this way.

- First time. Have someone read through the passage. What single word, or short phrase stands out to you. Share this with the group... but no explanation, just share the word.
- Second time. Read through the passage. What part of this passage brings up something in your life right now? Share how God is using this to grow you?
- Third time. Read through one last time. Write a short prayer to God that brings the truth of this passage to light.

How does it make you feel to know that ALL of the people from the Bible... even the impressive ones, were flawed and imperfect? What does that tell you about God's grace?

Read Ps. 18:19 & 37:23-24. These verses talk about God delighting in me. Take a moment and picture in your mind what it would look like for Jesus to be smiling at you.

[LEAD (YOURSELF)]

Write Philippians 1:6 on a card, or in a note on your phone. Work at memorizing it this week as you claim the truth of God's Word in your life.