

TALK IT OVER GUIDE- Drop the Act

2 Corinthians 4:7-10

Key Takeaways:

- We are imperfect on purpose God uses our weaknesses to display His power.
- Our faith isn't fake it's okay to be honest about doubts and struggles.
- Confession builds connection being vulnerable with others leads to healing.
- Our story gives us strength sharing our testimonies defeats the enemy and encourages others.

Discussion Questions:

- The sermon mentions putting together puzzles as a metaphor for vision. How does having a clear vision impact your spiritual life?
- Pastor Jason discusses the church's vision: "We are real people, living relevant lives, in relentless pursuit of new life in Christ." Which part of this vision resonates most with you and why?

- How do you think social media and our culture's obsession with image affects our ability to be "real" in our faith?
- Jason states, "God won't bless the person you pretend to be He blesses the real you." How does this statement challenge or encourage you?
- Reflect on the Kintsugi art metaphor. How have you seen God use your "cracks" or weaknesses for His glory?
- The father in Mark 9:24 says, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" Have you ever experienced a similar tension in your faith? Share your experience.
- How does confession to others build connection in the church community? What makes this difficult, and how can we overcome those barriers?
- Jason mentions that our personal stories are weapons in spiritual warfare. How can sharing your testimony strengthen both you and others?

Practical Applications:

- This week, identify one area of your life where you've been "faking it" and commit to being more authentic with God and others about it.
- Practice confession with a trusted friend or small group member. Share a struggle and pray for each other.
- Write down your testimony, focusing on how God has worked through your weaknesses or challenges. Be prepared to share it when the opportunity arises.
- Use the church app to read others' testimonies and consider submitting your own story.

Closing Prayer: Thank God for His grace that meets us in our imperfections. Ask for courage to be real in your pursuit of Christ and to use your story to encourage others.