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Why Faith Matters

Life is full of situations beyond our human control.

It's easy for Christians to praise the Lord when things are going well and things are well in our work and family lives, but it's perhaps even more important when we are struggling or in a crisis that we remember that our Savior is walking through it

It is equally important that Christians remember we are connected to other believers, and everything we do should be to the glory of God. Nowhere is this more relevant to Louisiana Christian University than in our academic classrooms.

The essays in this year's Faith Matters illustrate how relevant Christian faith is in each of the professors' lives—but more importantly, how their faith impacts their teaching. Historically, the role of the academy included no separation of faith and academics. This changed during the Enlightenment, and faith has since been confined to distinct areas of life.

However, this is not the case at LCU. This year, we have incorporated faith integration into our course syllabi. We are more deliberate than ever that we are a community committed to academic excellence and preparing our students for lives of learning, leading and serving. If Christ is the center of our lives and the cornerstone of our university, everything we think, say and do should exhibit that.

Regardless, if students are training to be nurses, businessmen, political leaders or computer scientists, they are first to be Christian disciples. By integrating faith into our everyday professional fields for our students from Day One of their freshmen experience, we are training them that their faith doesn't have to be checked at the office door. They should do work that glorifies the Lord in the boardroom, the classroom, Wall Street or the mission field.

Keep Pressing On!



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Faith Matters



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Dean of the Ray & Dorothy Young School of Business

I love to hear Christians share their testimonies of the ways Christ extended His grace to meet the depths of their depravity and debauchery. In the words of Phillips, Craig, & Dean, “His grace reaches lower, than [our] worst mistakes” (Dean, 1994). There are some amazing “hallelujah moments” in these redemption stories. That was not my story.

I was blessed to be born into a Christian home with parents who were imitators of Christ. As a result, I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior at a young age. In fact, I accepted Christ during a revival meeting at our church when I was ten years old. It was Halloween night. Imagine the audacity of my church having a revival that met on Halloween night!

My testimony is not one about the depths out of which Christ saved me and I’ve often felt that my testimony was somehow less exciting and impactful. My testimony instead is about the depths from which I was saved. Yes, I am a sinner saved by the Grace of God, but I never experienced the depths of my deprivation that I would have without Jesus Christ and my

Christian upbringing. I am thankful that God spared me from having to go through those depths and the angels celebrated no less when I repented of my sins.

Though my life proceeded with twists and turns, God always remained faithful and orchestrated my path to begin teaching at Union University. Early in my career at Union, Dr. David Dockery was called to become our President. He is one of the most influential individuals in Christian higher education due to his emphasis on the integration of faith in teaching. He had a profound impact on the way I approached teaching.

Integration of Faith in Teaching:

There are many universities in America whose history can be traced back to a religious-based heritage. In the early years of the Academy, there was no separation of faith and academics just as there was no separation of faith and living. Johannes Kepler, the 16th-century scientist, reflected the unity of approach when he said, “The chief aim of all investigations of the external world should be to discover the harmony imposed on it by God” (Dockery, 2008, p. 74).

The 19th-century “enlightenment” brought with it a separation and specialization that confined matters of faith and learning to distinct realms. Each camp retreated to its own position of piety and in the wake, a tradition of exclusivity was established. You could be a scientist; a man of education, or you could be a theologian; a man of the cloth, but the two were separate and distinct and each viewed the other with skepticism.

We find ourselves today in discussions of not only how, but also, if we should attempt to integrate faith and learning. Our answer is a resounding yes! We must integrate faith and learning and be purposeful in our approach. All truth is God’s Truth both revealed and discovered. God is Truth. This forms the very essence of our approach to Christian education. God created the world. Everything in it is His and in His intelligent design, there is order that forms the basis of our understanding.

In the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:34-40) Jesus tells us to love God with our hearts, souls, and minds. This commandment is not meant to separate or compartmentalize our love for God. It shows the comprehensive nature that should exemplify

our love. God created the whole world; it is all His. There are no distinct and separate realms. There is one realm - God's realm. We are, therefore, to love God holistically, heart, soul, and mind. Our approach to education then should be a holistic one of faith and learning.

How is this done? Our faith commitment must inform all our learning and teaching. The biblical studies courses that our students take provide the framework for serious intellectual inquiry across all academic disciplines. It is Christ who is the center of our lives, and our understanding of His nature should permeate all that we think, say, and do. It is not that our faith is separate and distinct from our teaching and research and on occasions we invite one to visit the other. There should be no distinction between where one ends and the other begins. It is on this basis, therefore that I believe it is inadequate to merely begin a class with a prayer or to quote a scripture and then to proceed to the "real" material and call ourselves Christian educators and think that we have integrated our faith.

Just as our love of Christ is holistic, so must our approach to faith and learning. Again, our faith informs our teaching and learning. Economics, finance, or management is not addressed with an occasional sprinkling of "holy matter." Our teaching must be immersed fully in our faith. We may approach a subject by discussing its Biblical foundation such as the Fall of Man as the beginning of the field of Economics. A teachable moment, however, may arise at any time during a class where our Christian worldview can be discussed and applied as we are loving God with our hearts, souls, and minds as educators. By no means is our instruction of marketing or accounting any less rigorous, to do so would be falling short of Colossians 3:23. Instead, our faith-based education should provide broader and more practical instruction that helps guide how to think, love, and serve within the students' chosen occupations.

Graduate Programs of the Ray & Dorothy Young School of Business, Technology, & Design:

Our two newest graduate programs at Louisiana Christian University are good examples of the integration of faith in teaching. The Jonathan E. Martin Master of Business Administration and the Master of Strategic Leadership degrees are both founded on

this guiding scripture:

Colossians 2:6-10 NKJV

As you, therefore, have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

The Martin MBA and the MSL programs are rooted in the Christian Worldview and informed by biblical truths, to teach students to face the challenges of today's business world. In a world where many academic programs are "cheating" students through philosophy and deceit of worldly principles, our programs acknowledge that God is Truth. All truth is God's Truth both revealed and discovered. Everything is His and in His intelligent design there is order that forms the basis of our understanding.

We believe the next great Revival Movement could originate from the marketplace! Think about it. According to a Ministry Newsletter from C12, Pastors may interact with approximately 8.8 million nominal and non-Christians for about 12 hours each year. Christian business leaders interact with about 118 million nominal and non-Christians for about 2000 hours a year. My objective as a Christian Educator is to prepare my students for marketplace ministry. My role is to encourage and equip students to think, love, and serve Christianly.

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Faith to Share Your Testimony



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Recently, I was invited to teach a bible study to a group of women in my local town. The invitation came with the disclosure, “these young women want to get closer to God, they aren’t in ministry, and still need to evolve in their personal walks, but they are willing!” I welcomed the assignment, and next contemplated a topic that would be befitting for such an assignment. In prayer, the Spirit of the Lord led me to teach about a familiar scripture, one of which many books and sermons have been dedicated to expounding upon, the “woman with the issue of blood.” As a nurse, I have always found this story fascinating, and it is one of my favorite stories which highlights the miracle working power of Jesus. Anyhow, as I prepared for the bible study, I began reading the book of Mark, chapter five. The book of Mark, chapter five begins with an interesting story. It is a story that begins with Jesus stopping over in the country of Gadarenes. Upon arriving he was immediately met by a man with an unclean spirit, who lived among the tombs. The man could not be restrained, as often they tried, and no man could bind him even with chains. The man wandered in the tombs, crying,

and cutting himself with stones, continually day and night. In this condition is where we find the man when Jesus arrived in the country of Gadarenes. The man saw Jesus afar off, ran and worshiped him and cried out, “What have I to do with thee Jesus, thou Son of the highest God, I implore thee by God, torment me not.”

As the story proceeds, Jesus commands the unclean spirit to leave the man, and asked, “What is thy name?” And he answered, saying, “My name is legion: for we are many.” The unclean spirit left the man, and the man became free from the unclean spirit. As the story proceeds, the unclean spirit requested to be cast into the swine, Jesus complies with the request and the herd goes into the sea. In the next part of the story, Jesus was asked to depart the coasts of Gadarenes. The man Legion, asked to go with Jesus, to which Jesus told him to stay home and share his story of the great things the Lord has done!

I continued to prepare for the women’s bible study by reading about the woman with the issue of blood. As I read, I thought about all of the things she must have endured. I imagined she must have endured shame, embarrassment, rejection, and abandonment. The woman must have felt like social reject number one, as everyone knew her story, and the condition she faced. Then, she met Jesus, one touch changed her life. In the midst of the crowd, she shared her testimony of how one touch from Jesus changed everything. Jesus then told her to “go in peace, thou faith hath made thee whole.” As I led the bible study, I shared the beautiful story of the woman with the issue of blood and how one touch made her whole. I then began to share my own personal testimony of how one touch from Jesus changed my life. In the end, seven souls came and dedicated or rededicated their lives to Jesus.

Our world is becoming increasingly dark, and in this great darkness, the world is looking for light, a glimmer of hope. It is more important now than ever before for us to share our authentic testimony with others. Yes, it does take faith, as some things may be embarrassing, and even shameful, however your testimony could be the one thing to help someone to believe again. Think of Legion, and how he went on to tell everyone of the great things the Lord had done, and then the woman with the issue of blood, many believe upon Him even in our present day, because

of her testimony. How about you? Do you have faith to share your testimony? Take a moment to reflect on the wonderful things the Lord has done in your life, when was the last time you shared? I implore you to share your story, as someone, somewhere needs to hear your testimony!

My Walk with Christ



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I have lived a Christian life for as long as I can remember. Though my dad was a Christian, it was my mom who really inculcated the love of God in us. The love of God and the application of Biblical principles could be clearly seen in everything my mother did. 5:00 am daily was family prayer and worship time. One could never miss church service on a Sunday or that one won't have lunch (Proverbs 13:24). Her work in God's vineyard took her to many places both within Cameroon and abroad, which was a source of pride to us. Admiration of her zeal for God shaped our behavior, even if it was out of fear of not bringing disgrace to her and facing her wrath. It was clear what Proverbs 22:6 meant.

The initial training didn't only come from home. My siblings and I were all sent to Christian primary schools. If not for the fact that my parents couldn't afford the fees for secondary school, we all would have attended mission secondary schools. My parents weren't rich and had eleven children to care for. It can only be by the grace of God that they managed to raise us all to the level where we are today.

The training I got from home and from my early years in primary school built a tradition in me and as I was growing into adulthood, I wanted to know more of the word of God. My education took me to a number of countries where I had to fellowship with Christians from different backgrounds and different ways of worshiping God. I started up as a Presbyterian. Then, in Ilorin, Nigeria where I did my undergrad, there was no Presbyterian church, so I had to worship with Evangelicals. Thereafter, with Pentecostals. In Malaysia, France and even here, I have moved from one local church to another. I have had to be baptized a number of times to fully belong to the different churches, especially as I was a chorister.

God has been very righteous to me, considering how far I have come. His faithfulness is testament to me that his word is true. In all, I have become a quite matured Christian, with a sound understanding of the ways of God, at least to the extent humanly possible (Isaiah 55:9). His ordinances are well understood and implanted deep into me. These have been my guide in all I do whether as a father, a husband, in my profession, etc.

Some of my beliefs:

1. On Baptism: Baptism is a public confession of one's acceptance of Jesus Christ. As such, I see no reason why I shouldn't be rebaptized whenever I am required as a condition for full membership to a particular local church.
2. On the blood of Christ: Spiritual beings have always used blood for atonement of sins. This is evident in the Old Testament. As one who grew up in Africa, I have seen this multiple time as fetish priests perform rituals with blood of hens, rams, goats, etc. What blood then is purer than that of Jesus Christ? This means that all we need do is to call on His blood whenever we need atonement for sin.
3. On work: I believe that prosperity comes from work (Deuteronomy 28:12). Therefore, work must be taken seriously.

4. On speaking the truth: I believe that telling lies (being afraid to say the truth) is cowardice (2 Timothy 1:7).

It may not be very obvious how my Christian beliefs can be integrated into my teaching career, especially teaching computer science or engineering. A computer's working principles and uses are based purely on electronics, mathematics, and logic. But then, a teacher is not only defined by what he teaches; he is a human upon whom students look up to, not only on his academic or professional values but as a man in whole. Every once in a while, especially at LCU, class discussions can bring out these other qualities of the teacher. I miss no opportunity to introduce Christian principles and qualities at such times.

In conclusion, I was born into a Christian family and have grown into a mature Christian with a deep knowledge of the word of God. This knowledge has shaped my character, which always finds a way of expressing itself in whatever I do. Though my academic work does not expressly call me to teach about God in class, the ways of God comes out clearly in the execution of my profession.

It is my prayer that God's word will somehow be more expressed in the pursuance of my academic career at LCU and in any other situation I may find myself in at any time. Amen.

Christian Freedom: Freedom From, Freedom To



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When I was growing up, there was an adage that you should not talk about politics, religion, or money in public. I teach political science, surrounded by Christian colleagues, at an overtly Christian university. At least I don't talk about money.

I have seen that for many Christians, there is a desire to separate their Christian faith from the world around them – especially as it concerns politics. The two, it is sometimes said, are incompatible. For some, this may seem like a benefit to their Christian walk, but for me, it is not an option.

At some point during my undergraduate years, I recognized that the Lord was calling me to further advance my study of political science and potentially teach. I also knew that my faith would be an integral part of any career or life plan that I could conceivably follow. Yet, understanding how, or even if, my faith and my vocation could not merely co-exist but be mutually supportive was a challenge that I needed

to consider for many years. The following is a short testimony about how I have come to understand that difficult problem.

Admittedly, this is not a full account of my thought or experience, as that would be too long and the Lord is continuing to develop how I understand His plan for my life. What follows reflects only how I currently understand the interconnectivity between my faith and my vocation and how the former motivates the latter.

In teaching the principles of American government, the concept of liberty is rightly considered a fundamental idea. The American regime has, perhaps, fostered the greatest amount of individual freedom that any civilized society has ever enjoyed. One aspect of that liberty must include the freedom of religion that allows each member of society to worship God Almighty with a significant degree of safety and comfortability. The question remains, whether a deeper and more impactful relationship can, or does, exist between individual liberty and the Christian faith.

Of course, one of the most common misconceptions about the Christian faith is that it seeks to snuff out liberty; According to many, both historically and in today's society, Christianity is an oppressive set of rules, restrictions, and limitations imposed upon its practitioners. The Bible certainly places injunctions against particular activities and conduct, and it is the duty of every Christian to follow these commands (1 Corinthians 6:9). Nevertheless, the Bible provides a fuller blueprint for true, Christian freedom that is the ultimate bedrock of my faith and worldview.

First, Christ's saving Grace allows us to be free from sin and the eternal separation from God that is the natural consequence of the fall of man. The prerequisite for any true freedom must be freedom from the bondage of sin (Romans 8:8). To be free from a life of wickedness, and the resulting misery that comes from wicked deeds, is already enough for a lifetime of joyful reflection. Yet, the Bible goes even further, calling us, as followers of Christ, to use our freedom in a way that continuously glorifies Christ and advances His Kingdom.

Galatians 5:13 reads, "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly

in love" (NIV). Interestingly, Paul's words emphasize the two types of freedoms experienced within the Christian faith – freedom from sin and freedom to serve.

Paul begins by noting that Christians are called to a life of freedom. Truly, there is no prerequisite of nationality, language, or ability to partake in this freedom (2 Corinthians 5:15). Christian freedom is open to all who believe in their hearts and confess with their mouths (Romans 10:9). Paul goes on to note, however, that that freedom should not be abused, or misused, especially to "indulge the flesh."

There can be little doubt that this temptation is as ubiquitous today as it was in Paul's own time. Christianity, and Christian freedom, does require limitations and restraint. Again, true, Christian freedom cannot exist if our hearts and minds are still shackled to our old, sinful nature (Matthew 6:24).

Paul follows this reminder with a corresponding command on how Christians should use their freedom – we are "to serve one another humbly in love." Christ's life and teaching is, no doubt, the example, par excellence, for carrying out this command (Matthew 25:40). Christian freedom, then, is a positive calling to imitate the life of Christ and falling short of that is falling short of perfect freedom.

Many Americans are not comfortable being told how to use their freedom; the very idea seems contradictory in nature. Unfortunately, much of this confusion is the outgrowth of an increasing tendency to ill-define the idea of liberty, either intentionally or unintentionally. In the 20th and 21st centuries, liberty has lost its meaning, at best, or precipitated a return to the bondage of a sinful nature.

Perhaps, the clearest example of the modern view of liberty comes from an often-overlooked Supreme Court case. In *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* (1992), a multi-judge opinion reads, in part, "At the heart of liberty is the right to define one's own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life." Although this case has been recently overturned, there is no doubt that the sentiment behind it, reiterated in different ways and at other times, has had a tremendous impact on the hearts and minds of many Americans.

Students, who are taught some version of the previous view at all stages in their education, cannot help but conclude that freedom and truth are incompatible, that living according to principles and commands cannot possibly be harmonious with the wider view of liberty. This worldview has had a tremendous, negative impact on how individuals view each other, society, God, and even their own bodies.

As Christians, the meaning of the universe, existence, and human life is not a mystery – God’s creation provides the spiritual framework to understand, as human beings can, the world around us. We are not left to grope aimlessly and meaninglessly for a definition of these things. How freeing!

As Christians, living in a world that is continually re-defining freedom, or failing to provide any definition at all, we ought always to remember that true, Christian freedom is not an elusive concept. Christian freedom is rooted in the truth that we must reject our sinful natures and commit ourselves to “serve one another humbly in love.”

In teaching American government, the desire to uphold Christian truth in a modern discussion of politics is, obviously, an uphill battle. Fortunately, the Supreme Court’s view in *Planned Parenthood* is not the only statement on the relationship between liberty and religion in the United States. Almost two hundred years ago, French writer and political theorist Alexis de Tocqueville wrote, “The Americans combine the notions of Christianity and of liberty so intimately in their minds that it is impossible to make them conceive the one without the other” (*Democracy in America*, Book I, Chapter 17). Tocqueville knew what many today have forgotten – That American, political liberty provided the space and opportunity for expressing Christian liberty.

No matter what any temporal authority may say, the liberty currently enjoyed in the United States can be compatible with the freedom inherent in the Christian walk, but this connection is not automatic, or self-actuating. We ought to continually affirm that the religious liberty enjoyed in this country is a chance to display the truth of the Bible, and especially the message found in Galatians 5:13.

The previous understanding has been a driving force as I moved from student to teacher; this is how I

approach my Christ-centered vocation; this is why my faith matters.

My Faith Journey Through Thick and Thin



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God Opened My Eyes, So I Can Open My Heart:

I was outside the commonwealth of faith until 1989 when the Lord opened my eyes to the things of His kingdom, and then I opened my heart to accept his salvation. Since then, as a Christian, I have always found solace and guidance in my faith. The Christian faith is a beautiful and profound journey that has transformed my life and still transforms my life every day. For me, it is a path of hope and belief, where I find purpose, meaning, and strength. The good news is that the amazing grace of God is not just for me but also for everyone that cares to seek Him!

Faith lies at the heart of the Christian belief system. It is through faith that believers experience a personal relationship with God, find purpose and meaning, and receive the assurance of salvation. It is the

unwavering trust and confidence we place in God and His promises. As a Christian, I believe that faith is not merely a blind leap into the unknown, but a conscious decision to rely on God's love, wisdom, and guidance. It is through faith that I have experienced the transformative power of God in my life. I have enjoyed every bit of the transformative power since my rebirth. We all can have this privilege!

Exploring the Teachings of Jesus Christ:

When I got saved from the clutches of sin, I began to explore the teachings of the Bible especially the words of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the central figure in Christianity. I recognized that He came to earth to save humanity, including me from sin and offer us eternal life. Through His teachings, miracles, and ultimately, His sacrifice on the cross, Jesus exemplified the love and mercy of God, which I need every day. Therefore, I decided to permanently cling to Him to remain under the umbrella of His compassion and forgiveness, and to have a radiant hope every day of my life.

It is eternally true that the teachings of Jesus are a cornerstone of the Christian faith. His words, as recorded in the Bible, provide guidance and wisdom for believers to navigate the complexities of life. Jesus taught us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to forgive those who wrong us, and to show kindness and compassion to all. His teachings emphasize humility, service, and a deep connection with God. By studying and applying His teachings in my life, I have experienced personal transformation and grown closer to God, day by day. Through prayer, worship, and seeking His guidance, I continue to experience the presence of God in my life. He is my source of strength, comfort, and hope, and His presence gives me the assurance that I am never alone in my life journey through the continents of Africa, Asia, and North America for decades.

The Power of Love in Christianity:

Agape love changed my life! Love is the central theme in Christianity. Jesus taught that love is the greatest commandment, urging us to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Love in the Christian context goes beyond mere affection or emotion; it is a selfless and sacrificial love that seeks the well-being of others. It is through love that we reflect the character of God and become agents of positive change in the world.

The love of God is unconditional and boundless. It is exemplified through Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross, offering redemption and reconciliation to all who believe. Christians are called to reflect God's love in their relationships, communities, and the world at large.

Love is a transformative force that heals, restores, and brings about positive change. That was exactly what happened to me. Growing up and wandering in the mires of spiritual darkness, I found the love of Christ through the helping hands of faithful Christians, who embraced, nurtured, and disciplined me in the words of the Lord, thereby strengthening my faith. My unwavering faith in the Lord gave me hope and strength through years of challenges. The Christian faith acknowledges that life could encounter challenges, pain, and suffering, but it also teaches us that God is with us in our darkest moments. Through faith, we find the assurance that God is in control and that He will provide for our needs. Our faith gives us the resilience to persevere, the courage to face challenges, and the hope for a better future. That aligned with my life story. My faith in Jesus Christ opened the door for a better future for me through thick and thin. Now, I rejoice daily in the goodness and faithfulness of the Lord. The Lord can certainly do more for you if you open your heart and begin a new journey with Him in the company of His faithful family!

The Importance of Community in the Christian Faith:

Community plays a vital role in the Christian faith. As believers, we are called to live in fellowship with one another, supporting, encouraging, and holding one another accountable. In community, we find a sense of belonging, where we can share our joys, sorrows, and struggles. Together, we can grow in our faith, learn from one another, and make a positive impact on the world around us. My association with faithful Christian communities has been a vital part of my growth and success and of course my impact on the lives of countless people. I have volunteered for a couple of Christian organizations, serving the Lord joyfully, while deepening my relationship with Him. Much like every faith-based community I have been privileged to be part of, the recent opportunity to join the LCU community has turned out to be a great blessing. God has brought into my life very great and lovely people, including deeply lovable students! I am indeed very blessed. I seek every

opportunity to pass it on in the community and beyond. You can be part of the lovely Christian communities around the world. There are no limits to God's blessings!

Nurturing and Deepening My Faith in the Lord:

Nurturing and deepening one's faith in Christ is a lifelong journey. It requires intentional actions such as prayer, Bible study, worship, and serving others. By immersing ourselves in God's Word, spending time in His presence, and seeking opportunities to live out our faith, we can cultivate a deeper and more meaningful relationship with God. Additionally, seeking guidance from mentors, participating in spiritual retreats, and engaging in meaningful conversations with fellow believers, summed up as Christian Communities, can help us navigate the ups and downs of our faith journey. This is what I have been doing since 1989 and my life is a living testimony that this God-given strategy works. Jesus cultivated His disciples to engage with Him through His Journey on earth. That was obviously a community. You need one!

Embracing the Journey of Hope and Belief in the Christian Faith:

The Christian faith is a profound and transformative journey that offers hope, meaning, and strength. Through understanding the foundations of our faith, embracing the teachings of Jesus, and nurturing our relationship with God, we can experience a deep sense of purpose and a connection with something greater than ourselves. Let us embark on this journey with open hearts, seeking to grow in faith, love, and hope, and making a positive impact on the world around us. If you are seeking hope, purpose, and a deeper connection with God, consider exploring the foundations of the Christian faith. Engage in Bible study, connect with a local church community, and seek mentors who can guide you on your journey. Embrace the transformative power of faith and experience the joy and peace that come from a relationship with God. If possible, join us at LCU. We love you!

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The guiding principle of Louisiana Christian University is to provide liberal arts, professional, and graduate programs characterized by devotion to the preeminences of the Lord Jesus, allegiance to the authority of the Holy Scriptures, dedication to academic excellence for the glory of God, and commitment to change the world for Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

2025 STRATEGIES

Enrollment of 1,500 undergrad and graduate students

Expand Academic Partnerships with Louisiana Community & Technical College System

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Launch Louisiana Christian Scholars Academy for grades 10-12

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FAITH

Biblical faith informs our learning, motivates us to excellence, and focuses our dependence upon God.

INTEGRITY

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LEARNING

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MISSION

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