

# BELIEVE

## INTRO

- Jets Hockey, Rocky Wrestling, Dave welding, etc.
- Believing in something or someone changes you – you dress different, you get married, you make life plans, you spend money different.
- You change because you believe in something
- **So, do you believe of Jesus, or do you believe in Jesus?**
- My dad's birthday is soon – that man believed in me.
- **So, do you believe of Jesus, or do you believe in Jesus?**
- When you believe in something, you are willing to live different – If the Jets called Paul and Jamie to a special VIP meet-and-greet, they would go. And if they were offered a job with the franchise, they'd take it. Etc.

## 1Cor 11:1-2

**1** Imitate me, as I also imitate Christ. **2** Now I praise you because you always remember me and keep the traditions just as I delivered them to you.

- That means communion, marriage, etc. Just the way Paul taught them. Not changing the definition.
- We live in a socially conservative area so traditional marriage is a big one for a lot of you – but what about the tradition of tithing, of forgiving others so that we should be forgiven, or sharing the gospel?

## 1Pet 2:21

**21** For you were called to this, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in His steps.

## Matt 7:21

**21** "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord!' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of My Father in heaven.

- Now it isn't just traditions taught – it's the will of God. That takes walking with God and letting Him speak to you so that you know His unique will for your life.

## 1John 2:3-6

**3** This is how we are sure that we have come to know Him: by keeping His commands. **4** The one who says, "I have come to know Him," yet doesn't keep His commands, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. **5** But whoever keeps His word, truly in him the love of God is perfected. This is how we know we are in Him: **6** The one who says he remains in Him should walk just as He walked.

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- **So, do you believe of Jesus, or do you believe in Jesus?**
- When you believe *in* Jesus, it will change who you are. Your confidence.