

UnFiltered Living 04 | Randy Watson 5/18/25 Matthew 7:28-29

Because Jesus speaks with authority, we can live with authenticity.

1. Jesus Speaks With Real Authority

“He taught with real authority—quite unlike their teachers of religious law.” – Matthew 7:29

- *Like my grandfather Pop Poo on gambling, Jesus speaks from experience—divine experience. He doesn’t just teach the truth—He is the Truth (John 14:6).*

2. Real Authority Leads to Real Transformation

“Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.” – James 2:17

- *Jesus calls us to a life built on integrity and purpose—not image. We live differently not to impress—but because we’ve been changed.*

3. Drop the Filter

“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.” – Romans 12:9

- *Stop hiding. Stop pretending. Jesus already knows the real you—and He still says, “Follow me.” Jesus invites you into a life of alignment—where your faith matches your reality.*

Challenge: Who Will You Be Real With This Week?

- *Trust Jesus’ words—they’re not just inspirational, they’re liberating. Ask God to show you one person to share your unfiltered story with. Write their name down. Start the conversation.*

Talk It Over: “Unfiltered” Foundations

Discuss these questions with someone – maybe a family member, friend, or member of your LifeGroup. Use a communication method that works best for your situation.

To Start Things off:

- Who is someone in your life whose words you take seriously—because they’ve earned your trust?

Dig Deeper

1. **Read Matthew 7:28–29.**
Why do you think the crowd was so amazed at Jesus’ teaching? What sets His authority apart from others?
2. **Reflect on the story of “Pop Poo.”**
How did Randy’s grandfather earn the right to speak into his life? What’s your insight on how *experience and love* establish real authority?
3. **Read John 14:6 and James 2:17.**
How do Jesus’ words and actions model authenticity? What’s the difference between believing *in* Jesus and *believing* Jesus?

Personal Reflection

4. What areas of your life are still hidden behind a filter (e.g., fear, pride, people-pleasing, perfectionism)?
5. Has there been a time when you trusted Jesus enough to drop the filter? What changed?
6. **Challenge:** Who is one person you feel led to share your real story with this week? (*Write their name down. Pray for courage and clarity.*)
7. What practical step can you take this week to live more authentically—at work, at home, online? **Pray Together** 🙏

Do: Roots and Fruits | 5-Day YouVersion Bible Plan

May Memory Verse: Matthew 7:12