

A To-Faith Church

We believe in a big God.

Which mean we have a “to” faith--which means what are we being saved *to*?

Instead of being saved *from*. Just say the word “from.” It makes your mouth frown.

From Pastor Brenda’s all-time favorite book (written in 1988!):

“For many, *fromming* is the reason why we have Christian schools, Christian movies, Christian nightclubs, Christian music, Christian aerobics, Christian TV. In fact, seemingly every aspect of popular culture and contemporary life sooner or later sprouts a Christian counterpart. *Fromming* has become the major justification for the Christian sub-culture now firmly rooted in contemporary society. It is also a convenient excuse for any shortcomings the ‘Christian’ version displays when compared to its ‘secular’ counterpart and when such a venture comes up short of funds.

“*From*. It has become an all-important word in the apologetic rhetoric of popular Christianity. We are constantly being bombarded with *fromism*—From this, that, and the other thing, *From* all of the things we are being saved *from*.” —*Real Christians Don’t Dance*, John Fischer, p. 140

What happens with *fromming* faith is that Christians become identified not for what they *do* but more from what they *don’t do*.

Even that thought brings a frown to your face.

What are we being saved *to*?

This is our group collective list from one of the conversations we had at Larger Story Church. This is a Google.doc on purpose so we can all continue to add to this list.

Here is our collective list in random order:

To healthy relationships

To peace

To do good things for God

To help folks financially

To help friends in need

To help enemies

To a healthy lifestyle

To God's love

To confidence in our decision-making

To confidence in our direction in life

To acknowledgement of past mistakes

To overcoming shame

To forgiveness

To forgiving ourselves

To forgiving others

To generosity

To kindness

To loving

To grace

To soft-heartedness

To live faith confidently

To do what God has called us to do

To change in our motivation

To bigger freedom

To outreach

To compassion

To worship

To heaven

To life to the full

To second chances

To integrity

To loyalty

What do you want to add?

Doesn't a to faith look a lot like this? *"For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."* Ephesians 5:13-14. We have had a lot of conversations around those verses.

More from 1988 and John Fischer: "Christ has not saved us from the world; he has saved us to the world. His prayer for all believers continues: 'As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.' (John 17:18). If we could just stop all this *fromming*, imagine what we could get down **to!**" ---*Real Christians Don't Dance*, p. 142

What can we get down to together? Join this conversation.

