



The truth, however, is that Christian Urban Legends can be very dangerous. Think of the disillusionment that sets in when someone claims a supposed promise, based on a Christian Urban Legend that God never made. Or, the despair that follows a step of faith that really isn't about faith and therefore is not honoured by God. Truisms, under the guise of Christian Urban Legends, that are not true are not just unfortunate, they are what the Bible calls foolish. In other words, they are dumb and therefore they mess up a lot of people.

Let me offer a few examples of Christian Urban Legends. Try these on for size and see if you can remember someone offering these truisms to you as an answer for your situation:

- Faith can fix anything
- A Godly Home guarantees Godly kids
- God has a blueprint for your life
- Everything happens for a reason

I could go on, but I think you get the point. These little truisms sound like they are Biblically accurate and you might be able to recall someone you trust saying these things. You might even be feeling some anger right now because it seems like something you believe strongly in is going to be attacked, or some anxiety that the church is losing its way from the true foundation of our faith. I want to reassure you that these little truisms are not, in fact, true. They are, in fact, Christian Urban Legends and they are dangerous to the health and growth of your faith. That is why we are going to spend ten weeks clarifying what the truth really is. Why? The Christian life is challenging enough without being tripped up by Christian Urban Legends.

July 3: Can faith really fix anything?

July 10: Does a godly home guarantee godly kids?

July 17: Does God really have a blueprint for my life?

July 24: Is putting God first really a good idea?

July 31: Does everything really happen for a reason?

August 7: Should I really listen to my conscience?

August 14: Is it really wrong to judge?

August 21: Is a balanced life really Gods idea?

August 28: Should we really be all we can be?

September 4: Do dead people really go to a better place?