

**SERMON SERIES:** Construction Zone

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## Sermon Title:

“How Do I Deal With Hypocrites?”

## Introduction

This week we conclude our series “Construction Zone”. When learning to rebuild a deconstructed faith, one of the largest roadblocks people run into is those who don’t live out their Christian convictions. But rather than focusing on others and their relationships with God, we ought to dial in to our own. The best way to deal with hypocrisy is our own healthy relationship with God.

- Share a time when you encountered a challenge or obstacle in your faith journey and how you overcame it.

## Seek the Word

- Read Galatians 5:1. Here it talks about the freedom we have in Christ. What does this freedom mean, and how does it impact your relationship with God?
- Read Galatians 5:6. Paul emphasizes that the only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. How do you understand this concept, and what are some practical ways you can express your faith through love in your daily life?

## Go Deeper

Read Matthew 22:37-39. Jesus instructs us to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. How does this commandment relate to the message of faith expressing itself through love in Galatians 5?

## Talk About It

- Reflecting on the message’s discussion of hypocrisy, how can we guard against hypocrisy in our own lives and ensure that our actions align with our beliefs?
- Think about a recent interaction where you had the opportunity to show love to someone. How did you respond, and how could you have expressed your faith more effectively through love in that situation?
- Discuss practical ways you can support and encourage one another as a group in your faith journeys, especially during times of doubt or questioning.

## Wrap Up

*Reminder:* Jesus + faith expressing itself in love = right relationship with God.

*Challenge:* Each day this week, intentionally seek out an opportunity to demonstrate love to someone in your life, whether it’s a friend, family member, coworker, neighbor, or even a stranger. Be observant and maybe step out of your comfort zone to show that person genuine care.