

# Man runs what students call the 'Holy Ghost boot camp'

**Frank Bowers teaches a 12-week seminar in Charlotte that he calls Walking by Faith 4 Life.**

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Frank Bowers wants Christians to learn that God wants much more for their lives than they probably realize.

He also wants them to know that God is not angry or mean or making bad things happen to them.

“What I have discovered is that most Christians live below what God desires for them because they don't know any better,” said Bowers, who teaches a 12-week seminar called Walking by Faith 4 Life in Charlotte. “(The Bible verse) Hosea 4:6 says that ‘my people perish for lack of knowledge.’ I want to change that.”



In an e-mail, Bowers wrote that Walking by Faith 4 Life is a culmination of over 25 years' experience learning how to live out faith according to truths, principles and practicalities outlined in the Bible.

About ten years ago, Bowers began writing down his thoughts and experiences. Those writings became the book “Walking by Faith 4 Life – How to Overcome Every Obstacle and Triumph Over Every Situation in Your Life Through Faith in the Word of God” and also the basis for his class.

One hundred and forty seven people have graduated from the 12-week seminar, which Bowers has taught twelve times in the past three years. Another seminar, which is open to the community, is coming up in January.

In written testimonies, former students say they learned a different outlook on faith and the Bible from their Christian upbringing. Some wrote that it motivated them to read the Bible daily and recommit to their faith. Others said it changed their entire outlook on life.

Bowers believes that God has directed him to teach people about the true nature of God.

“For many years, we, as believers, have been taught wrong about who God is and how he looks at us based on traditions, not what the Word of God actually has to say,” Bowers wrote in an e-mail. “God is not some old man with a long beard who sits up in heaven with a big stick waiting to bop us in the head every time we do something wrong.”

Instead, Bowers teaches, “God’s mercy and love us beyond anything we can possibly imagine.”

The bad things in life come from Satan, not God, Bowers said. God wants to bless people, provide for them and bring good into their lives.

“My vision is to take this truth based on God's Word and all it entails to everyone in Charlotte and beyond who wants to bring change to their lives,” he said.

The 12-week seminar is intense, and Bowers said it's important to be at every class, which he says operates like a high school or college class. Some students, he said, lovingly refer to it as the “Holy Ghost boot camp.”

Bowers teaches students what faith is, what it means to be a Christian and how to apply faith in spiritual warfare.

He also addresses the power of words and how to have “divine health” and healing from God.

Bowers infuses each class with stories from his own experiences and with humor, even though the subject is serious. “God has a great sense of humor, and the Bible says he laughs,” Bowers said. “Too many people lack joy in their lives.”

Some students have taken the class three or four times, saying they get something new out of each course, he said.

Bowers tells them it's because they've changed each time, and they see the material in a new way. He hopes that all students' lives are changed permanently after taking the class, and that other people will see the changes.

“When others see them walking and living by faith ... their friends and families are going to want to know how they are doing it,” Bowers said. “And now, these students will have an answer. That is the benefit of being involved in an in-depth study of walking by faith in the Word of God.”

### **More Information**

The Walking By Faith 4 Life seminars are non-denominational and open to everyone. Reservations are required.

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