*Faith without deeds is dead.*

~James 2:26

May 25, 2014

**From Belief to Action**

1. Belief in God is only a piece of the puzzle.

*In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.* **James 2:17**

1. Action is the proof of the faith you have.

*Show me your faith without deeds and I will show you my faith by my deeds.* **James 2:18**

1. We can point to people who have had faith because of the legacy they leave behind.

*You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.* **James 2:22**

1. Faith in Christ is a call to action!

*As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.* **James 2:26**

Study

*(Weekly Readings that are related to the sermon theme)*

* **Monday Ephesians 2:8**
* **Tuesday Hebrews 11:1-6**
* **Wednesday James 2:1-26**
* **Thursday Matthew 5:16**
* **Friday Titus 1:16**
* **Saturday Mark 16:16**

*The word of God is living and active sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*

**Hebrews 4:12**

Meditate

Write down what your belief in God means to you?

What are your thoughts on the words of James, “Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”?

What are some of the ways people can identify the faith you have in Christ?

What kind of legacy regarding are you leaving in regards to your faith?

What is something that you will do differently as a reflection of your faith in Christ.

*Father, when I look at Jesus and the cross he bore for me, it is very clear that you believe in taking action. Lord, I will live a life of action. I will spend less time just believing and more time acting on the life you have given me through Christ. I pray you would look with favor on me as I live a life of action. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.*

*I have food to eat that you know nothing about.*

~John 4:32

June 1, 2014

**See The Need**

1. People who live lives of action will take them to unusual places and situations.

*Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman.* **John 4:27**

1. Unusual action leaves a deep impression on those who are served.

*Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?* **John 4:29**

1. Our soul is fed when we are engaged in passionate and sacrificial action.

*“My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.”* **John 4:34**

1. There is more than enough work to be done-let’s bring the kingdom together.

*I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for the harvest.* **John 4:36**

Study

*(Weekly Readings that are related to the sermon theme)*

* **Monday Matthew 9:37**
* **Tuesday Luke 10:2**
* **Wednesday Revelation 14:15**
* **Thursday Proverbs 10:5**
* **Friday 1 John 4:19-5:4**
* **Saturday Romans 14:1-23**

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**Hebrews 4:12**

Meditate

What prevents you from taking action in uncomfortable situations?

When have you done something, or had something done for you that left a positive impression?

What is a struggle in the world that leaves a mark of deep discontentment? How can you address this issue?

When have you felt the most satisfaction in serving and loving other people?

What can you do to help bring the kingdom in the lives of those around you this week?

*Lord Jesus, you left us a perfect example of how we should fearlessly enter uncomfortable situations. Your risk shows us that people are more ready to hear about your love than we think. Give us courage as we go where we are uncomfortable to bring the message of your grace. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.*

*God’s various gifts are handed out everywhere, but they all originate in God’s Spirit.* ~1 Corinthians 12:4 (*The Message)*

June 8, 2014

**Your Unique Mission**

1. The actions of our lives are a response to who and what we worship.

*No one who is speaking by the spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.* **1 Corinthians 12:3**

1. No matter what the gift is, it is extraordinary because it comes right from God.

*There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.* **1 Corinthians 12:4**

1. You are given a unique gift so that you can help fulfill the purposes of God

*Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.* **1 Corinthians 12:7**

1. Take time to find the gift that God has given you.

Study

*(Weekly Readings that are related to the sermon theme)*

* **Monday Romans 12:6-8**
* **Tuesday 1 Peter 4:10-11**
* **Wednesday Ephesians 4:11-16**
* **Thursday 2 Timothy 1:6-7**
* **Friday Romans 12:3-8**
* **Saturday Acts 1:8**

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Meditate

What part of your life needs the most work when it comes to showing the Lordship of Jesus?

When was a time when you wish you had another persons gift? Have you neglected yours because you wanted another?

What are some of the purposes of God that you can fulfill?

How does the discovery of you God given spiritual gift change the way you live out your faith?

If you took the spiritual gift inventory, what is your next step with it?

*Lord Jesus, you told us that you would not leave us alone, that you would send a helper. Thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to live in us so that we can do good works for your kingdom. I will be faithful in finding what my spiritual gift is so that I can begin to take action and be part of the kingdom in motion.*