

Friday Reflections

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

James 2:14-26

Ever heard the old saying that "the proof is in the pudding?"

In matters of exercising our faith that is just so. In the Book of James we are told that faith with no action attached to it is of very little use—it's wishful thinking at best and dead at worst. The Bible challenges us to not only have faith but to walk in it, use it, take action in it.

If we truly believe the things God tells us, we can be sure He expects us to back up those beliefs with action. And the great part is He will be there along the way to empower our faith and see us through anything. That doesn't mean it's always easy, but it does mean it is pleasing to God and will draw us closer to Him and strengthen us for the next battle.

What is God calling you to do today? Where is He calling on you to exercise your faith and put action to it? What are you believing God for? There's only one good way to find out—and that's to believe God and start walking. You might be surprised what meets you on the other end!

Father in heaven, thank you for reminding us that we can believe you for great things and our faith is never wasted when we walk it out. Amen

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