

MARCUS CLARK message Notes

What Ya Gonna Do...? WHY Ya Gonna Do???

James 2:14-26 (NKJV)

What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? Thus 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 without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God. You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only. Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way? For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

- Mark 6:3
- John 7:3-5
- Mark 3:20-34
- 1 Corinthians 15:7
- Acts 1:14

"Trust only in movement. Life happens at the level of action... We are not what we say, but we are what we do. What we do is the real key to our intentions. Trust only in movement."

- Psychologist, Dr. Alfred Adler

Why Ya Gonna Do???

Checking the Vital Signs on my faith... How do I respond to:

1. Opportunities to Serve Others?

- **Verses 14-17**
- Matthew 25:31-40

35 "...for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in;

36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me...."

40 And the King will answer and say to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."

(Matthew 25:35-36,40)

**THERE WILL BE A PAYOFF FOR LIVING, ACTIVE FAITH —
BOTH FOR THE BELIEVER AND THE BENEFICIARY**

Checking the Vital Signs on my faith... How do I respond to:

2. The Reality of God?

- **Verses 18-19**
- 2 Peter 1:3-11

5 *“But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.”*
(2 Peter 1:5-7)

- Acts 19:13-16
- Matthew 8:28-29

**THERE IS A CORRESPONDING BELIEF AND ACTION IN LIVING FAITH.
“DOING” ALONE IS NOT EQUAL TO BELIEF AND SALVATION.**

Checking the Vital Signs on my faith... How do I respond to:

3. Opportunities to Respond to God?

- **Verses 20-25**
- Genesis 15:5-6
- Genesis 17:18-19
- Genesis 22
- Joshua 2:1-21

9 *“I know that the Lord has given you the land, that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land are fainthearted because of you. 11 And as soon as we heard these things, our hearts melted; neither did there remain any more courage in anyone because of you, for the Lord your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath.”*
(Joshua 2:9,11)

- Joshua 6:25

Ephesians 2:10 — *“created in Christ for good works”*

2 Timothy 2:21 — *“made holy, useful... prepared to do any good work”*

Titus 3:8 — *“those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good”*

Galatians 5:6 — *“the only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love”*

Romans 2:6 — *“God will repay each person according to WHAT THEY HAVE DONE”*

**THE TRUE NATURE (LIVING or DEAD) OF OUR FAITH
(RECEIVED ONLY by the GRACE OF GOD) WILL BE BORNE OUT BY OUR BEHAVIOR!**

- Hebrews 11 - the *“Hall of Faith”*
- Luke 17:11-19

HOMEWORK: Ask yourself a few questions this week...

1. What did my life look like before I was saved?
2. What does it look like now?
3. Is there a difference?
4. Can others tell that I have been impacted by the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
 - How do I respond to others, especially those in need?
 - How have I responded to the reality of God?

- How do I respond to opportunities to respond to God?
- What does my *“other six days”* look like?