

ACTIVE FAITH Refueled – Part 2

ON TV: What if simply **believing stuff** was enough to make a difference, how different would our lives be?

ON TV: Just knowing and believing doesn't really make any difference, otherwise our lives would be very different.

ON TV: **Doing** is what makes all the difference.

ON TV: When we just believe, but don't do, our dreams don't happen

ON TV: If we believe all the right things, but don't do anything with what we believe, **our faith becomes feeble, flimsy, and fragile.**

ON TV: Big, active, in the real world, in spite of the circumstances, kind of faith.

ON TV: What would I do, not what would I think or simply believe, if I were **absolutely confident that God is with me?**

ON TV: Practical Faith Building **Application**

ON TV: When our active, **application-oriented faith** intersects with God's faithfulness, our **faith grows.**

ON TV: **Trust** is the currency of relationship.

ON TV: **Obedience demonstrates trust** and provides God with an opportunity to be trustworthy.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine...." Matthew 7:24a*

ON TV: I want you to **do** this stuff and **experience me** on the other side of it.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man...." Matthew 7:24b*

ON TV: A wise person is somebody who connects the dots and understands the relationship between what they **do today and what happens tomorrow.**

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"...is like a wise man who built his house on the rock." Matthew 7:24c*

ON TV: The wisest thing you could do is to **build your life** on the foundation of my teaching.

ON TV: Do you **trust** me?

ON TV: Do you and will you trust me **even before** you know what the outcome is?

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against the house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand." Matthew 7:25-26*

ON TV: It is possible to attend some kind of gathering every week of your life or every other week, to hear, and it's possible to believe, and yet live a life that ultimately **undermines your faith.**

ON TV: Believing can actually be **deceiving.**

ON TV: Ignore us for a moment and read Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John, and at least consider **following Jesus**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. **Do** what it says.” James 1:22*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to **do** this, not forgetting what he has heard, but **doing it**--he will be blessed in what he **does**. James 1:25*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against the house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rains came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” Matthew 7:25-27*

ON TV: They either **blame** God or they **conclude** there is **no** God.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“28 When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were **amazed** at his teaching, 29 because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.” Matthew 7:28-29*