



Living out Your **FAITH**

How to Act on Your Faith, 2:1-20

What is Active Faith?

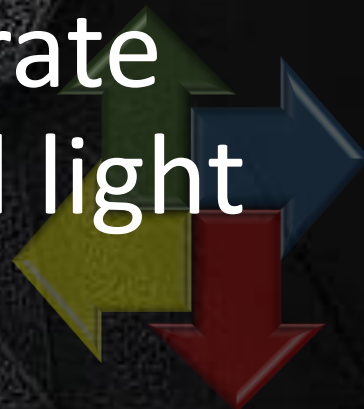
Active faith is “Believing God when He leads you to do something, walking in faith as you follow His lead, and experiencing His presence, power, and promise of peace and joy because you acted on your faith.”



What is Active Faith?

“Faith is a living, bold trust in God’s grace, so certain of God’s favor that it would risk death a thousand times trusting in it. Because of it you freely, willingly and joyfully do good to everyone, serve everyone, suffer all kinds of things, love and praise the God who has shown you such grace. Thus, it is just as impossible to separate faith and works as it is to separate heat and light from fire!”

Martin Luther



Background of Nehemiah's Active Faith

- Nehemiah's divine appointment to approach the king, 2:1
- Nehemiah's bold faith as he explained his sadness, 2:2-3
- Nehemiah's bold request of the king, 2:4-8
 - God gave Nehemiah power through His prayer to act on his faith before the King
 - Nehemiah's integrity and submission pleased the king



Background of Nehemiah's Active Faith

- Nehemiah's faith faced obstacles, 2:10-19
 - Opposition & hostility from Israel's neighbors, 2:10, 19
 - Convincing the Jews to follow His leadership, 2:11-15
 - Preparing the Jews to rebuild the wall, 2:16-18
- How Nehemiah acted on his faith, 2:20
 - He placed his trust in the Lord
 - He stayed focused on his assigned task



How You Can Act on Your Faith

- Pray acknowledging your faith in God's presence and power
- Act on your faith in God knowing you will face obstacles
 - The enemy (Satan) wants to defeat you
 - Christ wants to empower you to overcome obstacles (fears within you, friends around you, and your foe in front of you)
- Keep the faith for as long as it takes – don't give in, don't give up, and don't give out
- Experience the outcomes of your faith – JOY and PEACE!



Bottom Line

God blesses active faith with His presence, His power, and His promise of peace and joy.

