

Encounter Church  
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## God's Love Language Faith in Action

Jesus the Divine Expression of God should be our First Impression of our Heavenly Father.

Jesus the Lamb! God's Love Language. A tongue that declares that Jesus is Lord. Humility. Unity. Being Others Focused. Willful Disobedience.

Turning the World Upside Down. Whatever He says to do, DO IT!

TODAY: **Faith in Action**

***Faith is God's Love Language!***

Galatians 5:6- (NLT) ".....What is important is faith expressing itself in love."

Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)- "And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him."

### 1. **How Important is Your Faith in God**

Mark 6:4-6 (NLT)- "Then Jesus told them, "A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his relatives and his own family." And because of their unbelief, he couldn't do any miracles among them except to place his hands on a few sick people and heal them. And he was amazed at their unbelief."

Unbelief in the Greek New Testament is primarily expressed by the noun *apistia*, signifying a lack of faith, distrust, or faithlessness toward God's power and promises. It denotes a settled posture of disobedience, rebellion, and a refusal to trust in Christ, often contrasted directly with active, obedient faith.

### 2. **How Powerful is Your Faith in God?**

Matthew 17:19-20 (NLT)- "Afterward the disciples asked Jesus privately, "Why couldn't we cast out that demon?" "You don't have enough faith," Jesus told them. "I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there, 'and it would move. Nothing would be impossible."

Mark 11:22-24 (NLT)- "Then Jesus said to the disciples, "Have faith in God. I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, 'May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea, 'and it

will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart. I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours."

*A mountain is symbolic of an obstacle, hindrance, or insurmountable problem!*

***Faith is the key that releases the resources of heaven into our situation!***

### **3. What Renders our Faith Ineffective?**

Mark 11:25 (NLT)- "But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too."

#### **What Renders our Faith Ineffective? **Unforgiveness!****

James 2:14-26 (NLT)- "What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. Now someone may argue, "Some people have faith; others have good deeds." But I say, "How can you show me your faith if you don't have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds."

You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. How foolish! Can't you see that faith without good deeds is useless? Don't you remember that our ancestor Abraham was shown to be right with God by his actions when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete. And so it happened just as the Scriptures say: "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith." He was even called the friend of God. So you see, we are shown to be right with God by what we do, not by faith alone. Rahab the prostitute is another example. She was shown to be right with God by her actions when she hid those messengers and sent them safely away by a different road. Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works."

#### **What Renders our Faith Ineffective? **Inaction/Idleness****

### **4. What Does Faith in Action Look Like**

John 4:46-54 (NLT)- "As he traveled through Galilee, he came to Cana, where he had turned the water into wine. There was a government official in nearby Capernaum whose son was very sick.

When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged Jesus to come to Capernaum to heal his son, who was about to die. Jesus asked, "Will you never believe in me unless you see miraculous signs and wonders?" The official

pleaded, "Lord, please come now before my little boy dies." Then Jesus told him, "Go back home. Your son will live!" And the man believed what Jesus said and started home. While the man was on his way, some of his servants met him with the news that his son was alive and well. He asked them when the boy had begun to get better, and they replied, "Yesterday afternoon at one o'clock his fever suddenly disappeared!" Then the father realized that that was the very time Jesus had told him, "Your son will live." And he and his entire household believed in Jesus. This was the second miraculous sign Jesus did in Galilee after coming from Judea."

**The space between "in" and "action" is a step of faith!**

**Remove the space (step of faith) and you get inaction!**

*Faith in Action is the means by which we can participate in the powerful things God is doing in the world!*

**CONCLUSION: Your very first step of faith is putting your faith in Jesus Christ and what He did for you on the cross and through his resurrection.**

**Then we continue to follow Christ as we put our faith in action.**

***When he tells you what to do, do it! Hesitation exposes doubt!***

Mark 9:23-24 (NLT)- "“What do you mean, ‘If I can’?” Jesus asked. “Anything is possible if a person believes.” The father instantly cried out, “I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!”

*Heavenly Father, help me overcome my unbelief!*