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Program for Sunday, October 17, 2021

Call to Worship: *Way Maker*
Let It Fall

Children are dismissed to Sunday School at this time.

Welcome, announcements, and prayer:

- **Thanks for joining us today!!! With Covid-19 on the rise again we're recommending you follow the CDC guidelines.** Also, for the health & safety of all who attend MDC, we ask that you stay at home if you have any signs of sickness. We have masks in the back. Thank you for your cooperation.
- **For those of you who may have known Denise Warner** who passed away last month; there is a gathering in her honor on Thursday Oct. 21st from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. at Campos Family Vineyards.
- **Bible study this Week: My story, your story, what's the difference?** We are in a short series on "*Questions people ask.*" **Lesson #7** Wednesday, October 20th at the green house, 1641 Bixler Road, (or by teleconference) at 6:30 PM. Questions are available in the back on the bible study table, or by email. Nov 7th, we are planning on moving these studies to Sundays following the church service. **STAY TUNED !!!**
- **Building Committee meetings are held each Friday at 9 A.M.** at the Church property on Bixler Rd. **All are welcome to join us.**
- **We are collecting special donations for the Building Fund.** If you would like to give, please place your donation in the **Special Box** in back of the church. Please mark checks with **BF**, (for building fund). Thank You!
- **The swimming pool will be closing Oct 31.** Please contact Sonja Sellers for a reservation at (925) 408-5293 for a 2 hour time slot. A signed release of liability form is required.
- **We're looking for volunteers to help with the Xmas Tree Sales** this year. If you're interested, please sign up at the back table.
- **Thank you for your continued financial support of MDC.**
- **Please contact us** for any needs, suggestions, or prayer requests:
 - Pastor Larry Quinnell - PastorLarry@OurMDC.org
 - General Info. – Info@OurMDC.org
 - Prayer requests – PrayerRequest@OurMDC.org

Adoration: *Build Your Church*
This I Believe

Message: Wanted: Faith, Dead? Or Alive!

Response / Invitation: *Shoulders*

Assurance / Sending: *Goodness of God*

Close of Service

Message Notes:

Friday's Devotional: Mark 8, Jesus feeding of the 4,000. "How many loaves do you have? Jesus' concern: physical, and spiritual. Disciples focused on problem and what resources they had. In the hands of Jesus, 7 loaves and a few fish were enough to feed 4,000 men plus women and children!

Book of James, son of Joseph

- From unbeliever (Matthew 13, John 7), a personal visit from the resurrected Jesus (1 Cor. 15:7), to leader of the Jerusalem church (Acts 15), likely martyred AD 62 (thrown from Temple).
- Written AD 50 to dispersed Jewish believers.
- Major Themes: Trials, temptations, faith, deeds, speech, wisdom, prayer.

Anatomy of a Trial:

- Testing-> Patience-> Maturity-> Complete.

Anatomy of a Temptation:

- Changing-> Lust -> Conceive -> Sin -> Death.
- Desire-> Deception-> Design -> Disobedience.
- Emotion-> Rationalize-> Will -> Behavior.

How I respond demonstrates my beliefs:

- Trials
- Temptation
- Word of God

Belief Behaves: Value the Word

- The Word is a double edged sword.
- The Word is a light and a lamp.
- The Word is a fire and a hammer.
- The Word is spiritual milk.
- Receive: Quick to hear. Slow to speak. Slow to anger.
- Submit: Put aside filthiness and remains of wickedness.
- Remain humble.
- Be impartial.

Why is impartiality a sin?

- Inconsistent with the nature of God.
- Inconsiderate of others.
- Incompatible with law of love.

"If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?"

James 2:14-17 14 What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? 17 Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.

Evidence of an inadequate (dead) faith:

- Confession that is empty (v. 14)
- Compassion that is false (v. 15-17)
 - **1 John 3:17-18** But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.
 - **Matthew 25:34-40** "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 35 'For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; 36 naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.' 37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink? 38 'And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? 39 'When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' 40 "The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'

James 2:18-20 18 But someone may well say, "You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works." 19 You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. 20 But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless?

Evidence of an inadequate (dead) faith:

- Confession that is empty (v. 14)
- Compassion that is false (v. 15-17)
- Conviction that is shallow (v. 18-20)
 - Demons believe.
 - Demons shudder.
 - **Matthew 8:29** And they cried out, saying, "What business do we have with each other, Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"
 - Judas Iscariot
 - Simon the magician (Acts 8)

James 2:21-24 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? 22 You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected; 23 and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS," and he was called the friend of God. 24 You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone.

Evidence of an adequate (alive) faith:

- Abraham: v. 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?
- Abraham: Romans 4:1-3 What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found? 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the Scripture say? "ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS."
- Abraham: v22 You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected;
- Abraham: faith -> righteousness
- Abraham: friend of God.
 - 2 Chronicles 20:7 "Did You not, O our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel and give it to the descendants of Abraham Your friend forever?"
 - Isaiah 41:8 But you, Israel, My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, Descendant of Abraham My friend,

James 2:25 In the same way, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way?

Evidence of an adequate (alive) faith: 2 examples:

Abraham	Rahab
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jew • Man • Good reputation • Noble Chaldean • Great Leader • Top of social order • Divine leadership, guidance • Direct revelation from God 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gentile • Woman • Bad reputation • Degraded Canaanite • Common follower • Bottom of social order • Pagan • Indirect revelation (news)

Abraham and Rahab in Hebrews 11 and Jesus' genealogy.

James 2:26 For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

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Evidence of an adequate (alive) faith:

- Abraham: acted on his belief and it was counted to him as righteousness, became a friend of God.
- Rahab: acted on her belief, and is in the hall of faith and in the genealogy of Jesus.

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