

THE WAY CHURCH

FAITH SERIES • PART 3

Faith That Walks

Part 1 covered the basics of faith. Part 2 showed us that faith finds expression through what we say. Today: faith finds its second expression through action. Faith that stays inactive is faith that stays unfinished — today we learn to walk it out.

KEY SCRIPTURE

James 2:18-23 (ESV)

"But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness'—and he was called a friend of God."

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Faith without works is _____ .

Your faith can be _____ or

How do you activate your faith? By _____ .

We have to go from speaking to _____ .

NOTES

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Jesus Walks It Out — John 11

Jesus modeled walking in faith before He ever asked us to. In John 11, He faces delay, doubt, and danger — and walks forward anyway. Trace His steps below.

THE STORY — JOHN 11:1-16, 17-44 (ESV)

John 11:1-4

“Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha... So the sisters sent to him, saying, ‘Lord, he whom you love is ill.’ But when Jesus heard it he said, ‘This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.’”

John 11:5-8, 11-16

“Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer... Then he said, ‘Let us go to Judea again.’ The disciples said, ‘Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?’ ... Jesus told them plainly, ‘Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.’ So Thomas said, ‘Let us also go, that we may die with him.’”

TEACHING POINTS

- Jesus waited on purpose. Knowing the outcome didn't excuse Him from living the present — obedience still had to be walked out in real time.
- Thomas walked with Jesus but didn't fully believe. Every walk of faith includes voices that doubt — they don't disqualify you from moving forward.
- Jesus was deeply moved, troubled, and wept. He is not distant from your pain — He is angry at what death and the enemy have done, and moved enough to act.
- “Take away the stone” came before the miracle. Martha objected on the facts (four days, the odor) — faith still had to move past the natural evidence.

REMEMBER

Jesus wept before He gave the command. Feeling the weight of a situation and walking in faith are not opposites — He grieved and moved forward. Your emotions don't disqualify your faith; they simply aren't the final word.

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Walk It Out Today

THE COMMAND & THE RESPONSE

Jesus said, "Take away the _____ ."

Jesus cried out, " _____ , come out!"

Jesus said, " _____ him, and let him go."

Jesus handled the resurrection. He handles the standing up and the walking. But rolling up the mat — leaving what used to hold you — is your part. Faith is a combination of hope, love, and trust, and it is proven the moment you take the step.

REFLECTION

- What have I been speaking about in faith that I haven't yet walked out in action?
- What "stone" is God asking me to move, even though the circumstances haven't changed?
- Whose name (or what situation) do I need to call out of the grave today?
- What do I need to unbind and release so someone — or I — can walk free?

DECLARATION

I'm speaking it, and I'm walking in it. My faith is not inactive — it is active, proven by works, and moving forward even when the outcome hasn't changed yet.

THIS WEEK

Speak it in front of a mirror. Call out the situation by name. Take one visible step of action that matches what you've been declaring — that's rolling up your mat.