

DAILY READING: FAITH AND WORKS

I will use my freedom to serve others in love. Freedom is a gift I have been given through the death and resurrection of Jesus. I understand with freedom comes responsibility. I will not use my freedom to escape doing what is right and good or fulfill selfish desires. The only appropriate expression of the freedom and grace I have been given in Jesus is to serve others in love.

There is nothing I can do to make God love me more than He does this very moment; He loves me completely. Everything I do for Him and others is then done out of love. There is nothing I can do to win His approval or acceptance. God loved me before I loved Him, and in Jesus I am accepted and loved unconditionally. I use my freedom to serve others in love.

My faith is worthless and my words hollow until I put my faith into action through serving. Putting my faith into action is evidence my faith is true. I am choosing to focus on serving others because I understand there is a connection between loving and serving others. I will use my freedom to serve others in love.

Service is the outward expression of my love for God and His love for me. Jesus taught that serving others is also the ultimate demonstration of leadership and greatness. Jesus' mission was to serve others and to give His life away. My friends and family members will feel the full expression of truth when they see me living it. I will use my freedom to serve others in love.

ACTIVITY:

Think of the people closest to you. How can you serve them this week? How can you begin to serve in your church? Begin serving today!

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DAY 1: God at Work in Me - Romans 7:4 (Page 861); Psalm 37:5 (Page 429)

DAY 2: Living Out My Faith - James 2:14-18 (Page 931); Psalm 39:7 (Page 431)

DAY 3: His Purpose - Ephesians 2:10 (Page 896); John 10:10 (Page 819)

DAY 4: Know Christ - Matthew 7:21-23 (Page 738); Psalm 37:9 (Page 430)

DAY 5: Eager to Serve God - 1 Peter 5:1-4 (Page 937); 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (Page 875)

DAY 6: Humble Obedience - Philippians 2:5-8 (Page 900); John 13:14-15 (Page 822)

DAY 7: Wisdom in My Actions - Galatians 5:13-14 (Page 893). Read the Daily Reading once again and highlight things that stand out. Answer the three Life Transformation questions for growth in this area. Take time to learn the memory verse.

MEMORY VERSE:

Galatians 5:13
"For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love."
Galatians 5:13

LIFE TRANSFORMATION QUESTIONS:

1. As you read the Daily Reading, what stood out and why?
2. What action will you take to apply this truth? Be specific.
3. What areas of your life will benefit from this action? How and why?

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