

Faith In Action | Deanna Porter | 11.10.2019

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Memory Verse: 1 John 3:18 (NLT)

“18 Dear children, let’s not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.”

READ the following passage and verses about putting our Faith into action. Discuss and evaluate how your actions reflect your faith with your group or in your personal study time.

Luke 10:25-37 (NIV)—The Parable of the Good Samaritan

“25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

26 “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?” 27 He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” 28 “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.” 29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

30 In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’ 36 “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” 37 The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.” “

- How do you typically treat your neighbor? (What do you do when you see a person who is homeless in need on the side of the road? When you hear of someone in need-at work or within the church family? Do you give cheerfully during special offerings or a disaster or hardships?)
- Considering how you treat your neighbors--which of the characters in the story are you more like--The Priest, the Levite, or the Samaritan?
- Why do you think the Priest and Levite passed on the other side?
- What attitude(s) do you see in your own life that resemble their attitude?
- The man on the side of the road was left half dead and naked. What is the attitude of your heart towards strangers or those in need?
 - Do you give help or assistance cheerfully? Do you give help with a poor attitude? Or do you help at all?
- How would your attitude (have) change if it was you, a family member, someone you care for and not a complete stranger who was in need?

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Galatians 5:6 (NLT) — “6 For when we place our faith in Christ Jesus, there is no benefit in being circumcised or being uncircumcised. What is important is faith expressing itself in love.”

Galatians 6:10 (NLT) —“10 Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.”

Proverbs 3:27-28 (NLT) —“27 Do not withhold good from those who deserve it when it’s in your power to help them. 28 If you can help your neighbor now, don’t say, “Come back tomorrow, and then I’ll help you.” “

Ephesians 5:2 (NLT) —“2 Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.”

- What do these verses say about the connection between our faith and our actions?
- How can you express your love through your actions?
- What group(s) of people do you feel compassion for?
 - How do you act on that compassion?
- How has God’s love in your life changed the way that you’ve shown love to others?
- What is keeping you from acting compassionate for others?
 - What can/will you do to change that?