

SERMON NOTES

15th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 18B * September 5, 2021

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 * Psalm 125 * James 2:1-17 *

Mark 7:24-37

Fixing-to Faith

"I'm fixing to."

Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if people claim to have faith but have no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is that? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. James 2:14-17

Faith is NOT just B_____; it's D_____.

Faith is A_____ based on what we B_____.

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Pray and ask God what he'd like you to D_____.

How will you know when he answers?

Next Week's Lessons

Proverbs 1:20-33 * Psalm 19 * James 3:1-12 * Mark 8:27-38

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, Home Group, or a friend

1. How does your faith influence your behavior? What's something you do – or don't do – because you believe this Jesus stuff?
2. How has someone in the Messiah family served or helped you in the past?
3. How are you currently serving anyone, other than your family, either inside or outside of the Messiah family?
4. How might God want you to serve him and/or people in the next year – either inside or outside of the Messiah family?
5. PRAY:
 - ✦ Thanking God for his people who have served or helped you.
 - ✦ Thanking God for the opportunities he gives you to serve him and/or people.
 - ✦ For discernment of what and how God would like you to serve him and/or people in the next year.
 - ✦ For any needs in your group.