

# Use your head, your heart and your hands

In James 2 (VOICE), James talks about how faith in God with no action is useless.

He says: "It doesn't make any sense to say you have faith and act in a way that denies that faith. Mere talk never gets you very far, and a commitment to Jesus only in words will not save you...Without actions, faith is useless..

The fact is, faith has to show itself through works performed in faith." Faith must show itself through actions. These actions are made possible through faith in God. We are consistently reminded throughout the Bible that God is helping us, through Jesus, right now. Through our faith in God, He encourages and helps us to act.

Unfortunately, we sometimes have a sort of blind faith in our own ability.

I shared during Worship about trying to impress my now wife on an ice-skating date despite my history of stumbling and holding on for dear life in ice-skating...which didn't go well!

On the flip side, we're sometimes like the African Impala which can jump over three metres high and further than ten metres. But they only require a measly one-metre-high wall in zoos to keep them enclosed because it will not jump if it can't see where it's feet will land.

As Martin Luther King Junior once said: "Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."

In response to God's love for us, we can take that first step in faith and find that following Jesus is so rewarding.

Through faith, we are asked to act in love.

"We often ask God to show up. But God asks us to show up; to move for things that matter. He is not invisible when we come alive. I believe God works in love, speaks in love, is revealed in our love. We were made to be lovers bold in broken places, pouring ourselves out again and again until we're called home" - Jamie Tworkowski.

God asks us to act for things that matter and to respond by caring about others. God is not invisible when we do this! He is revealed through our love for others. We can offer the hope of God to everyone we meet through the action of love. That's exactly what Jesus did so powerfully for us on the cross.