

## Faith & Action

Youth Sunday 2020

### Characters:

- Narrator - Clohioe
- Faith - Kaela
- Action - Landry
- Joe - Landon

Narrator: What good is it, my brothers and sisters if we say we have faith!

Faith: (enters wearing a sign that says "Faith") I have Faith!

Narrator: *OR*, we say we have actions.

Action: (enters wearing a sign that says action) I have Action!

Narrator: Are either of these enough.

Faith: Well, I know everything there is to know about God.

Action: Yeah, but while you're busy thinking, I'm out there doing something.

Faith: Oh, really. Do you even know the books of the Bible?

Action: Yeah, Genesis, Exodus, Deuterocanonicals, Song of Songs...Well... I can find them on my Bible app.

Faith: And how can you lead someone to Jesus if you don't even know your Bible?

Action (mimicking): How can you lead someone to Jesus if all you do is study your Bible.

Faith: Yeah, your actions are pointless if you don't know anything about Jesus.

Action: Maybe my action will punch you in the face.

Narrator: Whoa, Whoa, Whoa. Let's settle down there.

Faith: Yeah, settle down!

Narrator: Ok, Ok! Let's try an example and see how you'd respond. Let's say it is really cold outside, and you see Joe, a member of your church, sitting outside the church in a t-shirt and shorts.

*Joe enters wearing a t-shirt and shorts and is obviously freezing.*

Narrator: How do you respond?

Faith: Oh, that's easy! (*Faith walk up to the person*) Hi Joe! I'm glad your at church. Don't forget about Tuesday's Bible Study! (starts to walk away) Have a great day. (turns back) Stay warm buddy! (walks up to Action) Beat that, hippy!

Action: Seriously, I got this! (Action walks up to person) Hi Joe! You look cold, here's my jacket and a cup of coffee. Don't forget about Wednesday's homeless service project. (starts to walk away) Have a great day! (turns back) Stay warm! (walks up to Faith). And that is how it's done!

Joe (confused): Uh, Thanks?

Narrator: As you can see, Faith or Actions, by themselves are meaningless.

Faith and Action: Wait, what!

Faith: I told him about Bible Study.

Action: Yeah, but I gave him my coat.

Narrator: OK, lets try it again. This time lets say Joe is homeless, cold, and in need. And he is sitting outside your church looking for help. Let's see how you respond.

*Joe takes his place, shivering, and has a cup with change in it.*

Faith: Oh, it's on. Watch and learn!

*Faith walks up to Joe, and looks down on him.*

Faith: Excuse me, I help you?

Joe: Yes, please. I was wondering if your church could help me out. Maybe some money to buy some food for my family.

Faith: Well, I wish I could, but I think you'll probably spend it on alcohol, and I don't want to support that. Let me give you something even better.

*Faith pulls out a Bible and starts to speak condescendingly to Joe.*

Faith: You see this? It's a Bible. It tells you all about Jesus, and Jesus will take care of all your needs.

Joe: Yeah, but I'm hungry now?

Faith: Well, Jesus is the bread of life, he'll fill you up. And, If your interested, we have Bible Study on Tuesday nights.

*Faith starts to walk away, but turns back to Joe.*

Faith: Oh, and you're not really allowed to solicit here, so I am gonna have to ask you to leave. Have a great day and stay warm. Bye!

Faith walks away and Joe is left confused.

Joe: Ok, thanks?

Action: Are you serious. You are just gonna kick him out? You're not gonna help him?

Faith: The Bible says, "God helps those who help themselves."

Narrator: Actually that is NOT in the Bible, and in fact there are many example where God helps those who cannot help themselves.

Faith: No one asked you Narrator.

Action: Why don't you watch and learn. I am going to show you how it is supposed to be done.

*Action Walks over to Joe and sits next to him.*

Action: I am so sorry about my friend here. He spends so much time reading his Bible he does not know how to actually care for people. What can I do to help.

Joe: Well, I lost my job and can't afford to pay my bills. Our heat got turned off and I could use some money to buy some food for my family and maybe some help finding a job. I was wondering if your church could help me out.

Action: Of course. I can't give you cash, but let me go buy you a meal. Maybe I will even give you a coat, and direct you to where you can get a hot meal or a clean bed for the night.

Joe: Thanks that would be a start...

Action: Excellent. Now that is how *my actions* show people all about J-E-S-U-S, Jesus.

*Action Walk away.*

Joe: Wait, who's Jesus?

Action: That's how it's done. He is warm and well fed. And I feel good to!

Joe: Actually, you didn't really help...

Faith: Yeah, but he does not know anything about Jesus. What good is being warm if he goes to hell.

Action: Well you can go to...

Narrator: As you can see; choosing faith OR actions cause conflict. You can say you have faith, but not show it.

Faith (*gives two thumbs up*): AYE!!!

Narrator: OR, you can show you faith but not share it.

Actions: That's what I'm talking about.

Joe: I don't think these two realize your criticizing them.

Narrator: Yeah, they're a little slow. Faith without actions is hypocritical, and actions without faith is self-centered.

Faith: Hey, I know my bible, backwards and forwards. I could walk you down the roman's road blindfolded.

Action: I feed the homeless, build habitat houses, pet sit the pastor's cat, and I'm in four church committees.

Joe: Wait, if Faith OR Action is useless, then what's the point?

Narrator: I'm glad you asked Joe. It's not about faith OR action, its about Faith AND Action! Its not choosing between believing in Jesus or loving others, Its believing in Jesus AND loving others.

Faith: So, if all I do is study God's word and not put it into action, what good is it?

Action: And if all I do is help people but don't tell them about Jesus, am I helping their real need?

Narrator: Exactly, we are called to believe in Jesus AND Love others!

Faith and Action: It's about faith and action working together!

Faith and action start to walk off stage together.

Joe: Wait, I'm still cold and hungry.

Action: Oh, Joe.

Faith and Action laugh and completely walk off stage.

Narrator: Come with me Joe, I'll get you something to eat.

Narrator and Joe walk off stage the opposite direction.