

Faith Does.

Why our belief is meant to bless.

Part 2: Hear & Here

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Words create worlds.

1 John 4:8

Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

James 1:22-25

²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

1 John 4:7

Let us love one another, for love comes from God.

1 Corinthians 8:1

Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.

James 1:25

But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

James 1:26-27

²⁶ Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

Philippians 2:12-13

¹² ...as you have always obeyed ¹³ ...it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Small Group Questions

- 1) Is there a book or author whose words created a vivid world in your mind? What book? What do you recall about its imagery?
- 2) What comes to mind when you think of loving God or loving Jesus? What does that look like for you?
- 3) When it comes to the truth of scripture, which comes easier to you: hearing or doing? Do you find it more enjoyable to study the Bible or to find ways to practice what it says?
- 4) Is there a time when you sensed God stepping in for you even though you had made a mistake or gotten off track? Tell us about it.
- 5) How can we pray for your right now and throughout the week?