

# 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**

<sup>22</sup> Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup> Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup> 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**

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**James 1:26-27**

<sup>26</sup> Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> 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**

<sup>12</sup> ...as you have always obeyed <sup>13</sup> ...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?