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Love in Action

James 2:14-17

Emphasis: To help men understand that loving God must translate into loving people through words and deeds.

Teaching: James teaches us that loving Jesus involves much more than theory and theology. It must prove itself through acts of kindness to others to be authentic. Notice that James says simply confessing Christ as Lord is not enough to persuade people that you indeed know the Lord. Biblical faith always involves action or it is not truly biblical faith.

Is your faith in Christ causing you to get involved in the human need within your community? Do you know what the most pressing needs are in your neck of the woods? Sometimes we as Christians are so cocooned in our own little worlds that we are oblivious to the have-nots.

Recently a group of pastors and I toured our city and visited four human needs agencies on the front lines of meeting needs. Our eyes were opened and our hearts were broken over what we saw and heard. Because of the bad economy many of the shelters are struggling to feed the masses of people coming their way.

As we came back to our churches and showed the videos our people became burdened to intervene and thus we are now collecting food the first Sunday of every month and delivering it to one of the food banks. Faith in God has sprouted feet and legs. We are truly being the body of Christ each time we love people through action.

Mission Application: Are you ready to put your love for Jesus into action? Start by getting in touch with those in your community who need assistance. Ask your pastor if he knows of a family that needs help. Then make yourself and your church available to assist. Visit some of the human agencies in your community. See what their pressure points are. Ask how you can help.

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