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## FAITH ACTS

James 2:14-19

### The Truths...

- \_\_\_\_\_ in our hearts is evident in the \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives.
- People who claim to be Christians but fail to help poverty-stricken fellow believers are in fact \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ▶ Acts of mercy are not \_\_\_\_\_ to salvation.
  - ▶ Acts of mercy are necessary \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation.
- Ultimately, \_\_\_\_\_ less faith is \_\_\_\_\_ less faith.
  - ▶ Faith is not mere \_\_\_\_\_ assent.
  - ▶ Faith is not simply an \_\_\_\_\_ response.
  - ▶ Faith involves \_\_\_\_\_ obedience.

### The Situation...

- Over \_\_\_\_\_ people in the world live on less than \$1 a day.
  - ▶ Low Income, \$825 or less: \_\_\_\_\_%
  - ▶ Lower Middle Income, \$826 to \$3,255: \_\_\_\_\_%
  - ▶ Upper Middle Income, \$3,256 to \$10,065: \_\_\_\_\_%
  - ▶ High Income, \$10,066 or more: \_\_\_\_\_%
- Every day, over \_\_\_\_\_ children die of either hunger or preventable diseases.

### The Challenge...

- The Radical Experiment
  - ▶ For one year, to \_\_\_\_\_ our money in order to \_\_\_\_\_ our lives on behalf of urgent spiritual and physical need around the world.
    - One Year: A clear \_\_\_\_\_ timeline.
    - Radical Sacrifice: Every \_\_\_\_\_ dollar.
    - Radical Spending: Urgent \_\_\_\_\_ need.
- Two Avenues...
  - ▶ As a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ▶ As \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

- The Radical Experiment
  - ▶ For one year, to **sacrifice** our money in order to **spend** our lives on behalf of urgent spiritual and physical need around the world.
  - One Year: A clear **established** timeline.
  - Radical Sacrifice: Every **possible** dollar.
  - Radical Spending: Urgent **specific** need.
- Two Avenues...
  - ▶ As a **church**.
  - ▶ As **individuals** and **families**.

### The Challenge...

- Over **a billion** people in the world live on less than \$1 a day.
  - ▶ Low Income, \$825 or less: **37%**
  - ▶ Lower Middle Income, \$826 to \$3,255: **38%**
  - ▶ Upper Middle Income, \$3,256 to \$10,065: **9%**
  - ▶ High Income, \$10,066 or more: **16%**
- Every day, over **26,000** children die of either hunger or preventable diseases.

### The Situation...

- Faith in our hearts is evident in the **fruit** of our lives.
- People who claim to be Christians but fail to help poverty-stricken fellow believers are in fact **not saved**.
- ▶ Acts of mercy are not **means** to salvation.
- ▶ Acts of mercy are unnecessary **evidence** of salvation.
- Ultimately, **deedless** faith is **useless** faith.
  - ▶ Faith is not mere **intellectual** assent.
  - ▶ Faith is not simply an **emotional** response.
  - ▶ Faith involves **willful** obedience.

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