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**“An Affirming and Active Faith”**

***James 2:18-26***

The Christian life and foundation have its core belief in and on the existence and power of God, which is Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. In other words, we live our lives professing our faith in Christ to lead and guide us from one day to the next. When our faith is in place, we are acknowledging Him, His purpose and design for our lives. In essence we are vowing to follow Him, to rely on Him for every breath and every step we take. It is not always easy to do that, but that is the process when we affirm, declare, and pronounce who we are. Just as important as pronouncing who we are and who and what we believe in, is our actions. It really becomes our behavior that distinguished us and demonstrates our faith through our actions as a witness for Christ. This then means we have an active faith. One of our most contemporary figures who lived such a life is Martin Luther King Jr. He affirmed his faith and then went about the world using not just the teachings of Ghandi, but most affirmatively the teaching of Jesus Christ. An affirmed faith leads to an active faith. Let us remember and celebrate the life of MLK on his 85th birthday tomorrow. We all want to affirm our faith, but faith without works is dead, so says our scripture. Let us all have an affirming and active faith wherever God places us to bear witness to His love, grace, and mercy.

Be Blessed.

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