



ACTIONS CHANGE LIVES

I was driving some of the kiddos on an outing when one of our older kids turned to me and asked, "Why do you do this? Why do you come pick us up and take up places?" I immediately replied, "Because the Lord has great things for you and I can see that in you. The world will tell you lies, but you are more valuable than you think. I refuse to see you become an adult in the same atmosphere. You will be successful, have a family, a great job and give back. You in turn will do what I am doing for another. And...because I love you guys."

This was the goodness of the Lord because this one I've really been praying hard for. As they get older, some may slip away into the swaying of their atmospheres. We can plant the seeds and/or water, but it's God who does the transformation. What makes my heart sad is that some of these kids are overwhelmed with the things of the world and live under bondage, yet not enough people encourage and speak life over them.

As disciples of Jesus, our communities should be decreasing in crime and violence if we are putting our faith into action. Currently, there is a local church who has setup bible studies and street ministry in a very violent area of Monroe, and because of the power of God, the crime and violence is decreasing in that area! Come on Jesus!!

We are all called to different areas. It may be within your own family or workplace, maybe even the nations. God wants to use YOU, so what's holding you back? Fear? Passivity? Unqualified? lies lies lies...STAND ON THE WORD and watch what God can do through YOU for OTHERS!

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7

Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. 1 Corinthians 1:26

Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. 2 Corinthians 3:12

Today, speak life over someone. Your actions can change lives! Andrea G. Jones

Our mission is to empower youth to pursue their God-given potential and step into their Kingdom calling. Our hearts burn to see youth truly know who they are in Christ and awaken them to the greatness inside of them. This is done through relationships and knowing the heart of Christ.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- In our April outreach we had guest speaker, Ben Saunders, to teach about "Stranger Danger" and we also discussed telling someone if someone has hurt them in any way.
- We taught the children about the importance of communion. We went through repentance, took communion together and gave thanks to Jesus.
- We have a large group of children who attend church every Sunday. To see those who while everyone else is sleeping, they get up and dressed to come to church...Come on Jesus!!



HAPPY Birthday



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MAY DEVO

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Matthew 6:26

Not only does God provide for us exactly what we need, but he leaves out the things that will surely lead to darkness. Take for example Adam and Eve – they were given an abundance of good food to choose from in the garden God placed them in. The unique thing about God, is that He knows exactly what we need. Even if at times we don't agree with his provision, we must trust that God, also known as Jehovah Jireh, meaning "the Lord will provide," ultimately knows what is best for us and that He has our best interests in mind.

...ye have not, because ye ask not. – James 4:2

This is an immensely popular scripture to quote when you are praying and believing God for something in your life. Jesus instructs us to 'ask' in many places in Scripture, so it makes sense that if you don't have something, it could be because you didn't ask for it. Does this mean that God will give me whatever I ask for?

DON'T JUST GRAB A VERSE THAT SOUNDS GOOD WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING WHAT'S AROUND IT AND KNOWING GOD'S HEART. Motives are so important, and sometimes we can be blinded and not see them in our own heart. Thankfully, God is not blind, and He is willing to expose motives if you ask Him.

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting. Psalm 139:23-24

When your motives are right you can be certain and trust that what He has is going to be the best answer for you. This doesn't mean God will always answer exactly the way you want. He is God, after all, and He does have a plan for your life. It simply means God has something different in mind for you.

LET'S PRAY

Father, thank you that you know what I need before I even ask or speak. You care for the birds in air, yet I'm created in your image! Forgive me for any doubt I have had. I place my trust in you Father! All glory to God! Amen.