

# Actions Speak Louder Than Words

Last week I spoke on Nehemiah - a man of action who called all the Jews together with a common purpose to build the ruins of Jerusalem. I mentioned that we as Christians are living in a broken world, family breakdown, gender confusions, rebellious attitudes and more intolerance in general and in such a situation we have to stop talking about things and start doing something about the situation we are in. We have to come out of whatever closet we are hiding in and declare the truth in Jesus Christ without fear and stand up for what we believe in.

We all are called to build, to serve to work together as a TEAM.

Our actions on Tuesday on Kidz Teatz party spoke to all those came much louder than words could ever have. Parents who came enjoyed staying to see their children having a great time. We had opportunities to meet with people and get to know them better and share the love of Jesus. We were not just talk but we did something for the community for the children on Tuesday night. It is exciting to lead a church of "doers"

We the church are the testimony of Jesus, the witness of Jesus, the face of Jesus. When our saying matches our doing then people know we are genuine.

## Why Are Actions So Important?

**1. Our Actions** will demonstrate - We are children of the light and we are called to live in the light of God.

God sent His son Jesus into this world and Jesus declared in **John 8:12** that *He is the Light of the world: Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."* I AM - timeless. Jesus was and is and is to come. When you follow Jesus you will not walk in darkness.

Jesus is the source of exclusive light. There's no other light. You can only be enlightened by Jesus. The very nature and character of Jesus is that He is the light of His Truth, the light of His Word, the light of eternal Life.

Those who receive the true Light will never walk in spiritual darkness. Spiritual light is necessary for spiritual life, and this can be a good test of our standing in Christ. The believer will always tend toward spiritual things; he will always tend toward fellowship, prayer, the Word of God, and so on.

The unbeliever always does the opposite (**John 1:5; 3:19–20**) because light exposes his evil, and he hates the light. Jesus says in **John 6:37** *All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.*

What an invitation. Whoever comes - will never be disappointed or cast out. **1 John 1:5** tells us that *God is light and in Him is no darkness at all*

**2. Our Togetherness** and how we share life together and have fellowship with one another will show the world who we really are.

Togetherness can only happen when it is grounded on Gods word- this is the foundation. We all have to believe the word of God and live according to Gods word. Jesus is our common denominator. We can unite under the banner of Jesus. Not religious stuff or religion per se!

Religion divides but Jesus unites. It has to be mutual - both parties must agree on what they believe, both parties must work together and walk together as children of Light. There must be unity NOT disunity.

Sadly what the world sees is disunity in the church, people devouring one another. Putting down one another, neglecting one another, having differences in outlook and purpose.

People are looking for purpose and a place to belong. Let's make our environment a place where people want to connect and belong.

When our fellowship with our Heavenly Father is intact, when we listen to what God is saying and obey His word then our unity and our sharing life together will become meaningful and the world will see that unity and oneness.

In **1 John 1:3-4** John the apostle was an eyewitness of Jesus ministry and he was fully qualified to teach the truth about him. This is what he says: *3 We announce to you what we have seen and heard. **We do it so you can share life together with us.** And we share life with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 4 We are writing this to make our joy complete.*

When people come to faith in Jesus there is Joy.

**3. Our Speech - what we say matters.** What are we saying in public? Are we edifying, encouraging, blessing? **Colossians 4:5-6** *Use your heads as you live and work among outsiders. Don't miss a trick. Make the most of every opportunity. Be gracious in your speech. The goal is to bring out the best in others in a conversation, not put them down, not cut them out.*

**4. Our Praying** - are we earnestly praying for one another? Are we interceding for our community? Are we willing to stay up an hour or two to earnestly pray for salvation of souls?

The enemy has blinded people so badly today that they simply cannot see the Love of Jesus. They walk in darkness and are totally unaware of Jesus the Light of the world.

**Colossians 4:2:** *Give a lot of time and effort to prayer. Always be watchful and thankful. Pray diligently. Stay alert, with your eyes wide open in gratitude. Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.*

I cannot emphasise more the value and importance of prayer for all people for our nation and our community.

Church - I know we all want to see this place full with people coming to know Jesus, we want to see miracles break forth and break through happen in people's lives and that come through us - Gods people who are willing to humble themselves and pray and seek Gods face and turn from all wicked ways then God will hear us, will forgive us and will heal our community (2Chron 7:14)

Jesus Loves you and desires to have a relationship with you. He desires to give you a life full of joy and purpose.

Jesus can change the past you cannot change... by walking into those places of sin and failure and wipe your slate clean, your past cleaned and removed. Jesus is the same today as he was yesterday and forever.

His love for you will never give up or run dry or fail you. Jesus knows the worst about you and yet he believes the best... why? Because He sees you not as you are but as His child when he gets through with you. He is an amazing friend! Jesus has a great future for you. You can trust Him. His plans are for good and not for evil to give you a future and a hope ( joyful expectation/ anticipation about the future). Jesus listens to your every prayer.

**Do you want to know this Jesus?**

Prayer: Dear Lord Jesus, I am sorry for the things I have done wrong in my life. I ask Your forgiveness. Thank you for dying on the cross for me to set me free from my sins. Come into my life Jesus. I believe you are Jesus my Lord and Saviour. Lord fill me with your Holy Spirit and be with me always . Amen