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INTRO:

Following Jesus is an action-oriented faith! All throughout the scriptures are words/phrases like “walk by faith”, “follow Christ”, “Believe on Me”, “Preach The Gospel”, “Prophecy”, “Give”, “Love”, “Trust”, “Lay your life down”. The movement of “body of Christ”

You see, Believing in Jesus deeply is much more about what we **do** as a result of what we **believe**.

It's interesting, before you were a believer, you didn't just believe in the ideas you held. Your ways that you lived and your actions affirmed your beliefs—We were wylin! And sometimes we still be “wylin”, “all over the place”, “buggin”, “trippin” & “actin crazy” 😊.

You see our actions lined up with our belief. Your belief that “I'm in control”, “I'm the center of the universe”, “I Got this” -- and our actions looked like that. Those idols proved it! “Look out for my own” ... “Me and Mines alone”.

Why is it then we tend to believe that by simply believing in the person, work of Jesus Christ alone is the requirement to be a strong connected disciple of Jesus? Belief is critical for sure but You see as we prioritize Connecting Like Jesus did to the Father through prayer, study of the word, seeking his face, Burning our idols. Forgive one another. A transition must occur in our Hearing. Our Listening . Our Knowing. Our being AND eventually our DOING!

At the same time simply “being spiritual”, alone, will not truly satisfy us. It's when what we **believe**, based in what we **hear**, that changes what we **do**.

Jesus showed us, being connected to the father as he was, changed our beliefs! But the true power of those beliefs is that they started a movement, delivered us, reconciled us, overcame sin and birthed the church, created a way to love each other. It was His **believing** the Word of the Father and His **DOING** that made it possible for us to truly be connected!

Context for the book of James...

-Letter written 45-50 A.D. (First written book of the New Testament), the first community of believers in Jerusalem!

-written to scattered Christians, in the middle of persecution of the church, to encourage them, during incredible Famine, poverty and persecution.

JAMES- /Jakob (Hebrew) - Half-brother of Jesus. He grew up with Jesus.

-He didn't believe Jesus was the messiah.

John 7:5 NIV "For even his own brothers did not believe in him."

-Became a believer after Jesus appeared to him after the resurrection, 1 Corinthians 15:7 NIV "Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles,"

-James was a leader in mother church in Jerusalem, 20year, messianic Jews.

-He was stoned to death. Killed & martyred for his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. So this The book is a Summary of Wisdom. Challenging us to faithfully live the true connected life in Jesus.

What do we do when we hear the word, know the word, but can't do the Word? That's where we have to pray and ask the Lord to help, empower us, change us. It is a deeper reliance on His spirit.

So let's not simply hear it...know it...believe it...Let's Do it!

1. TEMPER YOUR TONGUE AND AUTHORIZE YOUR ANGER

James 1:19-20 NIV

"My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires."

Proverbs 14:29 NASB

"He who is slow to anger has great understanding, But he who is quick-tempered exalts folly."

"Let's Do it" Questions?:

-Are you a quick listener and a slow speaker?

-Or Are you a slow listener and fast speaker?

-Are you slow to anger or quick to “pop off”?

You have to temper your tongue, bridled under the control of the Holy Spirit And Authorize your anger.

Certain anger is UNAUTHORIZED!

This anger and response in UNAUTHORIZED!

Example: Unauthorized Purchase. Fraudulent Charges.

-Some of the problems and challenges that were created in your life is what you've allowed.

UNAUTHORIZED ANGER BY UNAUTHORIZED PEOPLE.

-You have to be determined and believe I WILL NOT AUTHORIZE YOU to allow me to be frustrated and stressed out and losing sleep, losing my peace and losing my Joy!

YOU ARE UNAUTHORIZED!

And by help of the Holy Ghost - I WILL AUTHORIZE MY ANGER

-UNAUTHORIZED EXPENSE OF MY PEACE

THAT IS AN UNAUTHORIZED EXPENSE OF MY JOY!

I HAVE NOT AUTHORIZED THAT ANGER AT THE EXPENSE OF MY PATIENCE!

-I HAVE NOT AUTHORIZED THAT ANGER

2. EMBRACE THE TRUTH, ENJOY THE FRUIT.

James 1:21 NIV

“Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.”

-The enemy is trying to STEAL your life in the Kingdom by acting like anger is your identity.

He's a Fraud. And is constantly attempting to defraud you of your joy. Your anointing. Your effectiveness. Your family. Your legacy. Your purpose. Your life in the kingdom of God.

John 8:31-32 NIV

“To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

-As we listen to truth in His Word, By the Preached Word, through council we are positioned to become Do-ers.

-We must Embrace Truth so that the fruit of Spirit can be produced in our lives

-The more we're Doing His Word, the more Fruit we're enjoying.

"Let's Do it" Question...

- Where are the areas in my life where I have heard the word, but have yet to see fruit produced because of my lack of DOING?