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**TOPIC** Anointed Works of Faith

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## MESSAGE SUMMARY

### FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD FAITH

A shining Christian living for the glory of God is one who is actively living out his or her faith. With this desired state of our spirituality in mind, DSP Chua Seng Lee addressed in this sermon **why we must do good works of faith**.

Anointed works of faith is the final pillar in this teaching series, "7 pillars of a healthy church".

What are these anointed works? DSP recaps SP's explanation of "works of faith", which can include (but are not limited to) sharing the gospel, healing the sick, bringing sight to the spiritually blind, explaining Scripture etc. through binding up the broken-hearted, releasing those in bondage and oppressed. Whatever the work, the end result must be to touch lives with the life of God, the light of the Word of God and the love of Father God. All these so that in the process, they find hope, are delivered, restored, helped and find Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life.

### WHY MUST WE DO THE WORKS OF FAITH?

#### 1) It proves our faith in God

In James 2:14-26, James contends that **faith without works is dead faith**. If we see a brother or a sister in need and we simply tell them "God bless you" without taking any action, it is not helpful at all. The demons mentioned in verse 19 not only believe the Shema declaration that God is one from Deuteronomy 6, they can even feel the fear of God! Therefore, simply professing your faith is not enough. We are **justified by our works of faith** (v. 21), **and not by faith alone**.

Paul's message in Ephesians 2:8-10 does not contradict this point either. He wrote against legalistic observance of the law by the works of the people. We are not saved by *such* works. Rather, **genuine and saving faith empowers us for good works**.

#### 2) It pleases our God

Hebrews 11:6 states that apart from faith, it is impossible to please God. Our journey with God requires us to live out our faith day by day, moment by moment. Hebrews 10:38 further states that it displeases God if we shrink back from living out our faith. **The believer who entrusts his life in God's hand pleases Him**. As such, DSP challenges us to believe that God can use each one of us

in works of faith such as sharing the gospel, healing the sick, bringing sight to the spiritually blind, explaining the scriptures to give understanding to those who are unsure, binding up the broken-hearted through releasing those who are in bondage or oppressed.

### **3) It points others to God**

Is it possible to do good works and yet God is not glorified? The answer is "Yes", if it is only meant for self-glorification. However, if we do good works so as to proclaim Christ to others, the answer to this question is "No". Paul intentionally pointed the people to God and His power in 1 Corinthians 2:1. He was careful to not have the people attracted to him for his works "so that their faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God" (1 Cor 2:5).

## **Conclusion**

In conclusion, anointed works of faith encompasses anything and everything that points people to God. Like miracles from God, such works are signposts pointing people to God. We are saved by grace through faith so that we can do good works. In doing so, God is pleased with us. The greatest miracle that God can do in us is a total conversion of our hearts as we render our lives to do the works that glorify Him.

# QUESTIONS

1. What are works of faith? Describe a time where you personally experienced or witnessed works of faith.

2. Why do anointed works of faith please God?

3. In what ways do you plan to demonstrate your faith through good works? How can the group pray for you in this area?