



FAITH THAT ENGAGES EVERYDAY LIFE

LIFEGATE CHURCH CAMP 2023

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James 2:14-20 (NLT)



"I confessed to my congregation that, in spite of my best intentions, I had given minority attention to what they were called by God to do with the majority of their lives. I didn't mean to engage in pastoral malpractice; my pastoral paradigm had been theologically deficient. As a result I had been perpetuating a Sunday-to-Monday gap in my preaching, discipleship, and pastoral care. I wanted to confess that because of my stunted theology, individual parishioners in my congregation were hindered in their spiritual formation and ill-equipped in their God-given vocations. Our collective mission had suffered as well. I had failed to see, from Genesis to Revelation, the high importance of vocation and the vital connections between faith, work, and economics. Somehow I had missed how the gospel speaks into every nook and cranny of life, connecting Sunday worship with Monday work in a seamless fabric of Holy Spirit-empowered faithfulness. "

Tom Nelson



10 HRS

Sunday Services
Small Groups
Church Activity



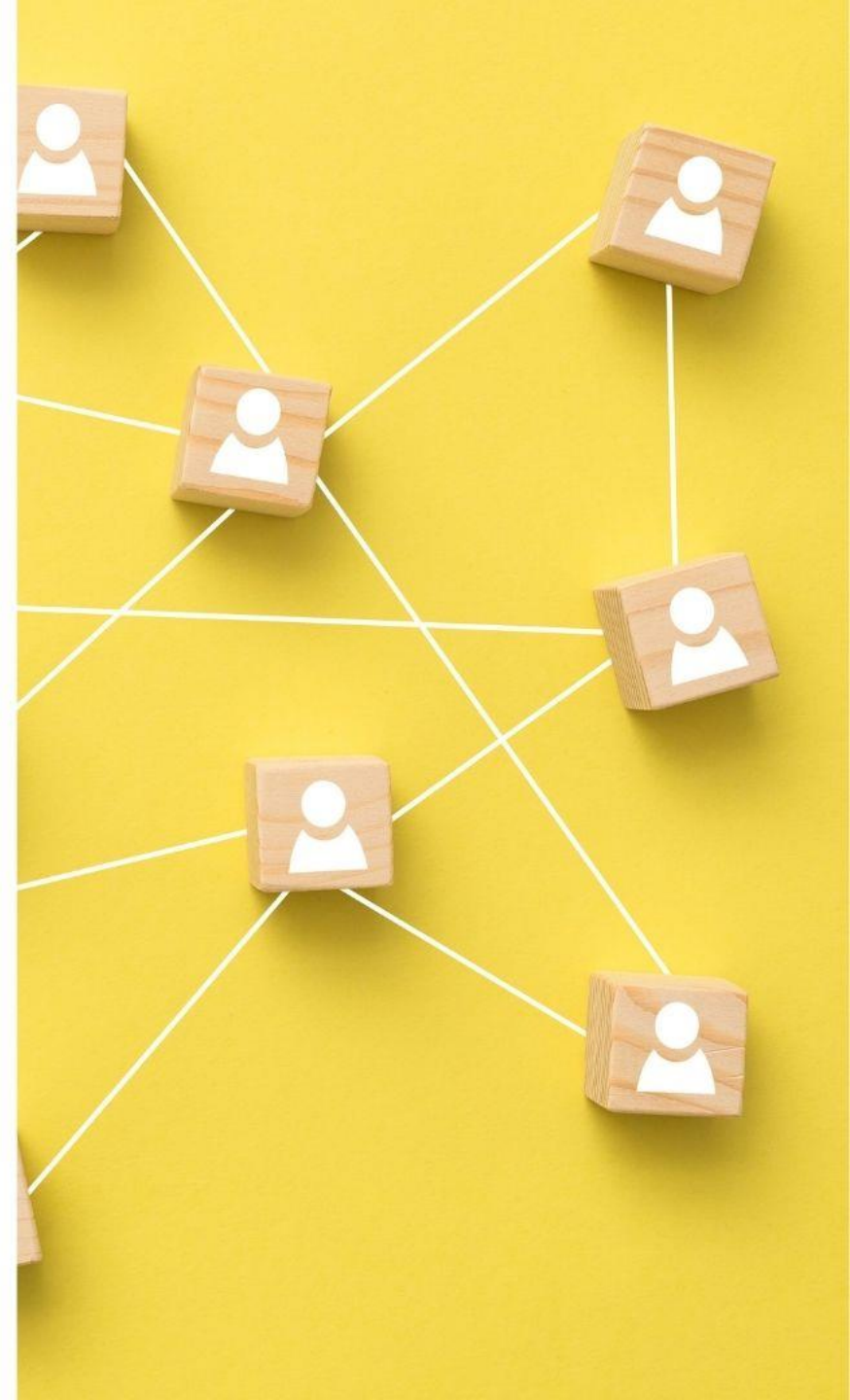
110 HRS

Work
Money
Relationships
Recreation
Sexuality
Health

168 hrs in a week
48 hrs sleeping

A great wave of persecution began that day, sweeping over the church in Jerusalem; and all the believers except the apostles were scattered through the regions of Judea and Samaria. 2 (Some devout men came and buried Stephen with great mourning.) 3 But Saul was going everywhere to destroy the church. He went from house to house, dragging out both men and women to throw them into prison. 4 But the believers who were scattered preached the Good News about Jesus wherever they went.

Acts 8:1-4(NLT)



CLOSE THE GAP

PUT YOUR FAITH TO WORK

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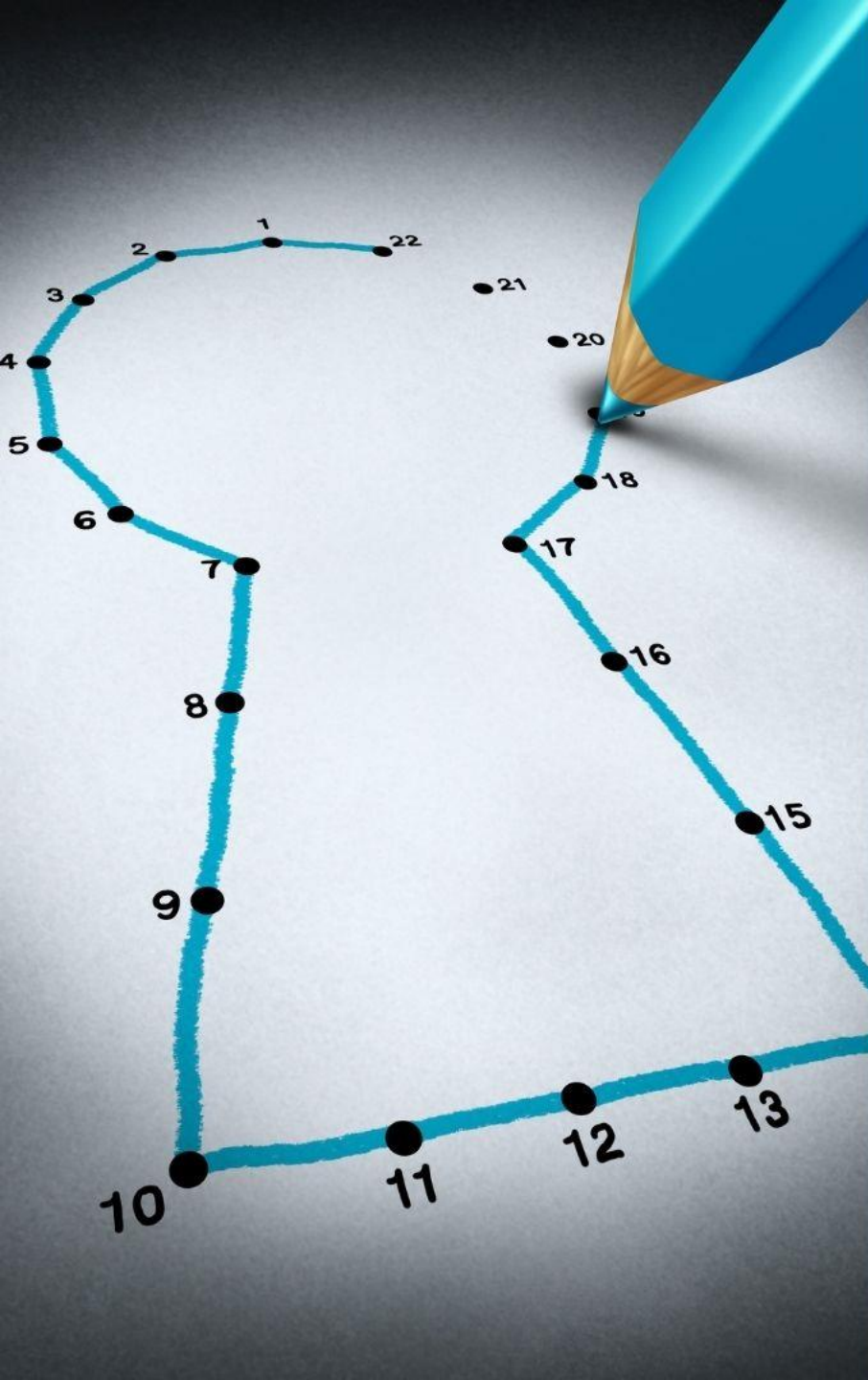
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2 Better to spend your time at funerals than at parties. After all, everyone dies—so the living should take this to heart.
3 Sorrow is better than laughter, for sadness has a refining influence on us.
4 A wise person thinks a lot about death, while a fool thinks only about having a good time.

Ecclesiastes 2:2-4 (NLT)



CONNECT THE DOTS

USE EVERYDAY MOMENTS TO SHOW AND SHARE OUR FAITH

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James 2:17-18 (NLT)









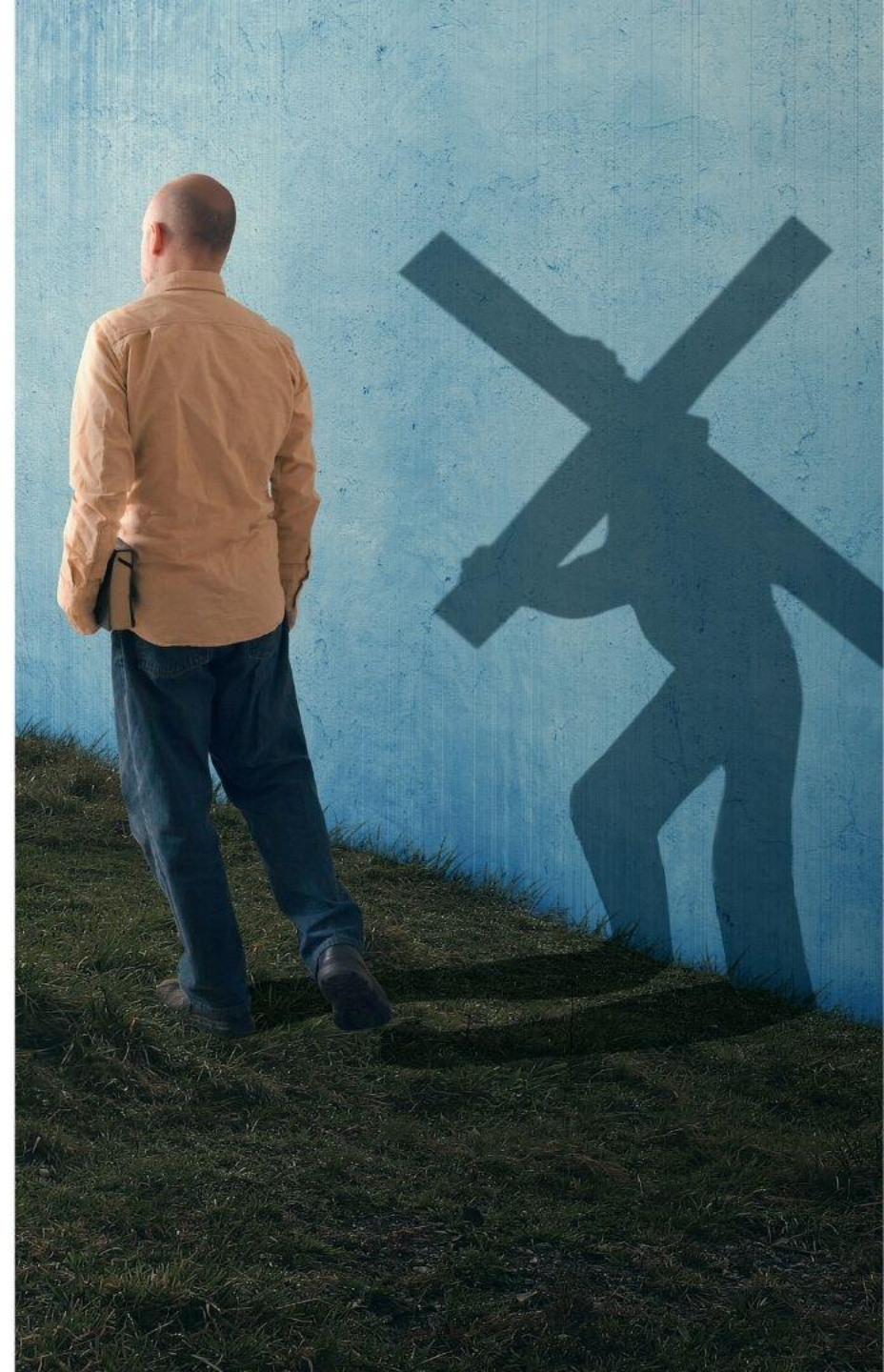


BE A LIVING EXAMPLE

LIVE A LIFESTYLE OF REPENTANCE AND FAITH

21 Don't you remember that our ancestor Abraham was shown to be right with God by his actions when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete. 23 And so it happened just as the Scriptures say: "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith." He was even called the friend of God. 24 So you see, we are shown to be right with God by what we do, not by faith alone. 25 Rahab the prostitute is another example. She was shown to be right with God by her actions when she hid those messengers and sent them safely away by a different road. 26 Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works.

James 2:21-25 (NLT)



GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What spoke to you the loudest in this session? Why?
2. Think of a time when God has transformed an area of your life. Share that story with one another.
3. What practical step will you take to put your faith to work in life?
4. What is your biggest takeaway from this camp that God wants you to obey?

