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By Dan Jenkins

Living By Faith Involves Action

Comparing the translations is sometimes of great value in understanding the force of what God’s message involves. An illustration of this is to compare the two ways John 3:36 is brought into our language. The King James Version and the New King James version renders the words of Jesus in this way. “He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life.”

Now compare this verse with almost every other translation and there is an amazing difference. In various ways they add another dimension to what Jesus said. “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life.” Take time to read the KJV and the NKJV in the first paragraph and then read the ESV in this paragraph. The first says he who does not believe and the second says does not obey.

The Greek does not simply state the opposite of belief by placing the words “not believe.” It is a totally different word and indicates and emphasizes the persuasive action follows after faith. The opposite of faith is not simply the absence of faith, but the absence of action. The nature of true faith is taking persuasive action when walking by faith. The opposite of true faith is disobeying the message of the words of faith.

True faith involves far more than just words—it always involves action

To see this difference look at the way faith is described in Hebrews chapter eleven. It was by faith that Abel offered; Enoch walked; Noah built; Abraham went out; Abraham dwelt; Abraham waited; Sarah received strength; Abraham offered; Isaac blessed; Jacob blessed and worshiped; Joseph gave instructions about his bones; Moses was hidden; Moses chose; Moses forsook; Moses kept the Passover by placing blood on his door; Israel walked through the Red Sea; Jericho fell; Rahab hid the spies—the list is endless! True faith is more than words it always involves action.

The application is obvious faith in our relationship with God. It is more than words—it is action. We are purified by faith (Acts 15:9); sanctified by faith (Acts 26:18); justified by faith (Rom. 5:1); have access by faith (Rom. 5:2); stand by faith (Rom. 11:20); walk by faith (2 Cor. 15:7); live by faith (Gal. 2:20)—this list is also almost endless. This paragraph emphasizes the rewards of faith. However, the blessing does not come by simply saying a sinner’s prayer, but by the true definition of faith. True faith demands action! True faith demands obedience! True faith always involves more than words, it involves action!

Take time to reflect on your own salvation. Our relationship with Him is determined by our actions, not just by words. Does your life show true faith; if not it is not by faith!



By David Sproule

Spiritual Growth: Add Knowledge

Faith gives us conviction, and moral courage gives us the determination to do what is right. But without knowledge, we would not know what is right. That is why Peter says to “add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge” (2 Pet. 1:5).

Knowledge, in this context, is not merely information—it is understanding God’s will. The Greek suggests a seeking, an inquiry, a growing awareness through study and experience. It is the kind of knowledge that directs life and shapes decisions.

God has always expected His people to know His will. Under the Old Covenant, Israel was commanded to teach God’s Word diligently (Deut. 6:6-9). Under the New Covenant, knowing God is essential to belonging to Him (Jer. 31:31-34). A lack of knowledge has always been spiritually dangerous. God said, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge” (Hos. 4:6). Zeal alone is not enough—Paul spoke of those who had zeal for God but not according to knowledge (Rom. 10:2).

That makes knowledge indispensable. Faith must be directed. Moral courage must be guided. Without knowledge, even sincere effort can be misdirected.

So how do we develop this knowledge? The source is clear: the Word of God. True knowledge of God and His will is

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found in Scripture. The New Testament reveals Christ and His will for our lives, while the Old Testament provides instruction, encouragement and examples (Rom. 15:4; 2 Tim. 3:16-17). If we want to grow, we must be people of the Book.

But knowledge requires true desire. Proverbs speaks of seeking wisdom as one would search for treasure (Prov. 2:3-6). We must value knowledge more than material gain and cultivate a deep love for instruction. That means making Bible study a priority—personally and with others—and never taking those opportunities lightly.

At the same time, knowledge carries a danger. Paul warns that “knowledge puffs up, but love edifies” (1 Cor. 8:1). Knowledge can lead to pride if it is not balanced with humility and love. It can also harm others if used carelessly—especially when we disregard the consciences of weaker brethren (1 Cor. 8:9-13). Therefore, knowledge must always be governed by love and expressed with meekness (Jas. 3:13).

When properly developed, knowledge strengthens faith and directs moral courage. It gives clarity to our convictions and confidence to our actions. It helps us to grow, to avoid error and to live in a way that pleases God.

Are we growing in knowledge? If not, we are vulnerable. But if we are, we are building a life that is stable, fruitful and firmly rooted in the truth.



By Robert Lupo

Are You Dating to Marry?

As soon as I was old enough to date, my father took me aside and gave me advice that I never forgot. He said, “Only date someone you think you could marry.” I’m sure many of us have heard something similar from their parents. And it’s no wonder because following this simple rule will set you up for great success in your spiritual walk with God.

First of all, choosing this standard says a lot about where you stand with God. If you are a Christian, then deciding who qualifies as “someone you could marry” becomes a mirror into your heart. A Christian’s greatest desire in life should be to get to heaven. So, who we choose to marry is very important in that goal. When God made a wife for Adam, Genesis 2:18 tells us He designed her to be “...a helper comparable to him” (Gen. 2:18). So, a Christian should date someone who will help them get to heaven.

But, what does it say about a Christian who dates someone with no regard for their spiritual destiny? They might be dating someone because they’re attractive, exciting, funny, smart, or popular. They might be dating because the person is just the one who said yes. While these might be things we consider when choosing a spouse, if this is the extent of their standards, then it might be that their goals are worldly instead

of heavenly.

We should desire heaven like the faithful of Hebrews 11:13, who “...all died faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of the, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.” Christians don’t plan their lives around passing pleasures. They plan their lives around the eternal reward in heaven.

Christians don’t plan their lives around passing pleasures...

Secondly, choosing to only date someone you think you could marry changes how you behave with that person. If your standard is to date someone who gets you to heaven, you can’t start that journey while partaking in worldly lusts with them. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 6:18-19, “Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?” If we choose to give in to temptation, then neither of the parties involved are going to get the other to heaven. But, someone who puts godliness before pleasure will.

Are you dating to marry? If not, then why are you? If you’re in a relationship that leads anywhere but heaven, is that a relationship you need to be in?

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Could my heart be hardened?

We read in the Bible of people whose hearts became hardened against God, especially Pharaoh (Ex. 8-14). We may not understand everything about that, but we tend to look down on those individuals and assume it would never happen to us. Could it?

Can I ask you to consider this? When members in need are announced at church, do you take special note to actually pray and reach out? When activities of the church and groups in the church are announced, do you mark it down and look forward to participating? When volunteers are sought for some church effort, do you eagerly jump in and volunteer? When materials are made available before or after services to pick up, do you grab all you can? When you’re sitting in a class or worship, are you plugged in, tuned in and soaking it all in? OR...is your response to each of these (and other opportunities) just the opposite? In fact, does this very article turn you off?

God warns Christians in the New Testament to not harden their hearts (Heb. 3:8, 13, 15; 4:7). Ask: Could my heart be hardened? It matters eternally (Heb. 3:16-19; 4:1-10). – DS



Did Jesus believe in evolution?

In standard evolutionary/cosmological timelines, the universe (from the Big Bang) is dated to about 13-14 billion years ago, while anatomically modern humans (*Homo sapiens*) have existed for roughly 200,000-300,000 years. That’s equivalent to saying if the universe were 24 hours old, humans would not appear until the last two seconds of the day. They only recently arrived, according to the evidence-deficient theory of evolution. Did Jesus believe this?

Jesus taught that God’s making of “male and female” was “from the beginning of the creation” (Mark 10:6). Does that sound like the last two seconds of a 24-hour period? Jesus taught that mankind was around “from the foundation of the world” (Luke 11:50). Does that sound like the last two seconds of a 24-hour period? God “created [mankind] from the beginning” (Matt. 19:4).

Jesus—the One who created all things (John 1:3; Col. 1:16) and proved Himself to be God manifested in the flesh (John 20:30-31; Rom. 1:4)—didn’t believe in evolution. He believed in the literal account of God’s creation in Genesis 1-2. Do you believe what Jesus believes? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Marie Achille	Aviata Rehab (Wallis Rd, WPB), recovering from stroke
Carolyn Cullom	recovering from hip surgery (NO visitors, please)
Nicole Freseman	surgery on May 14
Mary Beth Hester	dealing with back pain
Loretta Holaday	surgery on her arm on May 15
Charlene Knowles	dealing with a lot of pain in her leg
David Lord	dealing with asthma
Bonnie Quigley	dealing with health issues

Ongoing Health Issues

Jimmie Banks	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	chronic health issues
Dianne Halenda	pain, swelling in legs & back
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Tiffany Mayes	dialysis treatments
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Leigh Puckett
Gloria Boyd	Don Seay
Josie Dawson	Ricky Smedley
Zula Garrett	Jackie Stout
Loretta Holaday	Samuel Williams
Kasandra Jones	Evetta Wilson
Owen Miley	

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Jerry Davis	Judy Bird's brother, chemo treatments for cancer soon
Ann Graham	Luann's McLeod's mother, not doing well
Dan Greaves	Dannette Margarini's father, recovering from hand surg.
DeRita Summerlot	Darin Summerlot's mother, skin cancer surgery
Ken Tipton	Cara Blackmer's father, heart bypass surgery on May 15
Frank Williams	Sylvester Jackson's brother, under Hospice Care, cancer

Remember
Our Mission Works

Pacific Islands
Robert & Mary Martin
Wayne & Kristi Parker

Africa
Nnanna Aforji
Tamuka Arunashe

Bahamas
Tavaro & Shameika Hanna

United States
Apologetics Press
Robert C. Lupo
Mauricio & Kayla Yegros

Answering Macedonian Calls
Josh & Cara Blackmer



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 17

- ◆ **Wedding Shower for Bree Solis & James Lang** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Amazon. See Julie Williams for more details.

Monday, May 18

- ◆ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult 3.

Tuesday, May 19

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in Adult 3.

Saturday, May 23

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Ivan Villard for more details.
- ◆ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in Adult 3. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

Sunday, May 24

- ◆ **Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m. All children and adults will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.
- ◆ **High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.

Wednesday-Friday, May 27-29

- ◆ **VBS Setup** beginning immediately after Bible Study on Wednesday, then on Thursday & Friday at 6:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to come and help decorate for VBS. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Saturday, May 30

- ◆ **Widows Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. Come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship together.

Sunday, May 31

- ◆ **Young Men Conducting Evening Services** at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 31-Wednesday, June 3

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School** each night at 7:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Sailing with Paul on the High C's." We will be serving dinner Monday-Wednesday from 6:00-6:45 p.m. (Everyone is welcome but this is especially for families with children). **We need your RSVP if you plan to enjoy dinner with us.**



Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ **Young Adults**

Saturday, May 23

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Wednesday-Friday, May 27-29

- ◆ **VBS Setup** beginning immediately after Bible Study on Wednesday, then on Thursday & Friday at 6:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to come and help decorate for VBS. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Saturday, June 13

- ◆ **Young Adult Singing** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Darin & Brittany Summerlot. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Saturday, June 20

- ◆ **Young Adult Bowling & Dinner** at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, July 10

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo & Game Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule. See Ivan Villard for more details.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Sunday, May 17

- ◆ **No His Kids Class.** Class will resume next week.

Saturday, May 23

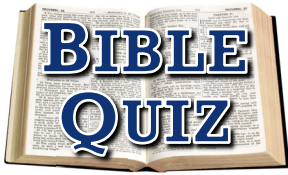
- ◆ **Sr. High Evangelism** from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Burns Road Community Center. We will be passing out materials and offering prayers to the community.

Sunday, May 24

- ◆ **Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m. All children and adults will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.
- ◆ **High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.
- ◆ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Family Devo** after evening worship at the home of Dan & Loni Fuller. See Robert Lupo for more details.

Saturday, May 30

- ◆ **His Kids Camp** from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.



Late-Night Callers

1. Who came to Peter late at night and released him from prison (Acts 12:6-17)? _____
2. To whom did an angel appear to assure his safety aboard a storm-tossed ship (Acts 27:23-24)? _____
3. Who led some officers of the chief priests to have Jesus arrested at night (John 18:3, 17)? _____
4. What Pharisee came to Jesus at night (John 3:1-2)? _____
5. Who met a man with whom he engaged in an all-night wrestling match (Genesis 32:22-31)? _____
6. Who came though Egypt on a late-night visit to almost every household (Exodus 12:29-31)? _____
7. Where did shepherds receive angels as late visitors (Luke 2:8-16)? _____
8. Who took Saul's spear after sneaking into his camp late one night (1 Samuel 26:7-12)? _____
9. Who visited a medium at night (1 Samuel 28:8)? _____
10. Who attacked a Midianite camp late at night (Judges 7:19)? _____
11. Who paid the young Samuel a late-night call (1 Samuel 3:1-10)? _____
12. What did Jesus' disciples think He was when they saw Him late at night (Mark 6:48)? _____
13. What were Paul and Silas doing in prison late at night (Acts 16:25)? _____
14. Who fled from Sodom after angels came to his house at night (Genesis 19:1-17)? _____
15. Who had a dream from God at night about a ladder reaching to heaven (Genesis 28:10-17)? _____
16. Who had his mind troubled by a dream during the night about a great image (Daniel 2:1)? _____
17. Who had a terrifying dream at night about four great beasts (Daniel 7:1-2)? _____
18. Who escaped Damascus at night by being let down through the wall in a basket (Acts 9:23-25)? _____
19. Who was warned by God in a dream at night not to harm Jacob (Genesis 31:24)? _____
20. Who was troubled during the night and asked for the records to be read (Esther 6:1)? _____

"...always abounding in the work of the Lord..." (1 Cor. 15:58)

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
May 10

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Dillon Airey; Mrs. Carolyn Deem; Mrs. Ann Freseman; Mr. Steve Green; Mrs. Cynthia Haines; Mrs. Betsy Hoffman; Ms. Angela James; Mr. Mark Lester; Missy Any Silva; Mrs. Joanne Spalding; Mrs. Wendy Tomlinson; Ms. Staci Young; and Ms. Derwesa Young.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. Chet Brown, Elko New Market, MN; Ms. Dorcas Francois, St. Croix, US Virgin Islands; Mr. Dion Hayes, Claremore, OK; Mr. Kevin Patterson, Sebring, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Chuck & Mary Reeves, Jackson, TN; and Ms. DeRita Summerlot, Orlando, FL.

Wedding Shower

There will be a **Wedding Shower** for **Bree Solis & James Lang** on Sunday, March 17 at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Amazon. See Julie Williams for more details.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Monday, May 18th

Josh & Cara Blackmer (Ann.)
Rick & Peggy Hall (Ann.)
Rick Price

Saturday, May 23rd

John & Sue Hoelzer (Ann.)
Natasha Campbell
Tyler Williams

Friday, May 22nd

Willie & Mattie Cox (Ann.)

High School Graduates' Luncheon

Sunday, May 24

After morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.

Those to Serve

If you are unable to serve, please contact the Service Coordinator for the week or Rick Hall at 827-4269.
If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday morning, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at **9:50 a.m.**
If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday evening, please meet at the front of the auditorium at **5:50 p.m.**

Sunday Morning, May 17

Singing Robert Lupo
Lord's Supper Dan McLeod
Singing
Opening Prayer Jeff Goodale
Scripture Reading Mike Erickson
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Islay Rodriguez

Serve at Table:

Kingsley Gardner Jim Rogers
Connor Goodale Joseph Snyder
Jeff Leslie Eugene Williams
Michael Menendez Marty Williams

Sunday Evening, May 17

Singing Ivan Villard
Opening Prayer John Hoelzer
Scripture Reading John Patrick
Singing
Lord's Supper Jimmie Banks
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Kirk Crews

Serve at Table:

Casey Crews Kameron Heitler

Audio this week: James Green
Computer this week: Buzz Nelson
Video this week: Ed Gager

Wednesday Evening, May 20

Singing Freddie Gadson
Invitation Jimmie Banks
Family Prayer David Lord

Our Record

Attendance	May 10	Apr. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	164	144
Sun. AM Worship	272	253
Sun. PM Worship	87	92
Wed. Bible Study	112	103
Contribution	\$17,496	\$17,873

2026 Weekly Budget: \$17,161

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$5,518

Service Coordinator:
Mike Damron

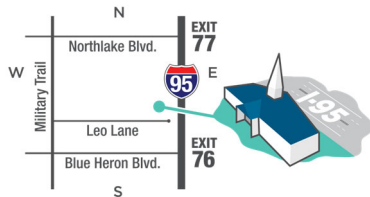
Ushers for this week: Kane Campbell & Vince Rogers
Safety Team for this week: Rick Hall



Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Speaking where the Bible speaks, Silent where the Bible is silent.



Service Schedule

Sunday:

Bible Classes..... 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible Classes..... 7:00 p.m.

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Strengthen and defend your faith!

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

The Bible says...

1. Believe that Jesus is the Son of God

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved” (Acts 16:31).

2. Repent of your sinful ways

“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out” (Acts 3:19).

3. Confess your faith in Jesus

“If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus...you will be saved” (Rom. 10:9).

4. Be immersed in water

“He who believes and is baptized will be saved” (Mark 16:16).

5. Commit to a lifetime of faithful service

“Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life” (Rev. 2:10).