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FAITH DOES...

Scripture: John 3:21 - But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

Observation: John is speaking about the juxtaposition of people doing things in hiding and doing things out in the open.

Application/Analysis: I'm sure you have had your moments or seasons just like me when your thinking and behavior just are not good. We give into our flesh and worldly desires and quite frankly it's fun and feels good for a time. And guess what, I would bet everything I own that it is all done behind the scenes so that no one sees is aware of what we are doing (John 3:20). John is calling out such thinking and behavior and saying that the light is now here and it has overcome such darkness and we as believers need to come into the light. Remember that Jesus represents the light and the truth and the world needs to see what we are doing in light and truth. The world needs to see that Jesus is alive in us because we love him, live for him, and our faith in him allows us to do literally anything that God wills us to do. I love how the Apostle James put it and put himself in it when he said, "...and i will show you my faith by my deeds." He is saying what you and I need to profess; that if I do not utter one word and I am observed by any and all, the life I live will reflect that Jesus lives in me. I challenge you to intentionally consider all that you do today and before you do it, ask yourself if you would still do it if Jesus were in the same place with you. If yes, do it. If no, pray and don't do it. Lean into your faith that surpasses all knowledge and understanding and do as God leads you. Do as you know what His word says. And spoiler alert, Jesus, in his omnipresence, is with you wherever you are anyhow. Our faith is an amazing gift and has so many aspects that lead us or keeps us in the light and thus pleases God.

Prayer: Father, thank you for our light. May it guide our works and deeds in such a way that the world sees we are about kingdom business. May our works and deeds be according to your will and influence others to do the same. In Jesus name - AMEN!

Takeaway - Be intentional and be committed and be unashamed about doing the work of the Lord so that all can see you belong to Him and that He is your first priority.