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Chapter 5: Establishing a strong, personal FAITH.

Week 20: Faith vs. Works, trusting God is at work and embracing your part.

Video: Courageous

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Theme verse: *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.* – Ephesians 2:8-10

Word of the Week: Works

Quote: “Otherwise grace is no more grace, since it is bestowed on us, not because we have done good works, but that we may be able to do them.” – Saint Augustine

John Eldredge: “We need Jesus like we need oxygen. Like we need water. Like the branch needs the vine. Jesus is not merely a figure for devotions. He is the missing essence of your existence. Whether we know it or not, we are desperate for Jesus.”

Highlight Song: The Change in Me, Casting Crowns

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Word of the Week: Works

Dictionary:

plural noun

- often functioning as singular, a place where a number of people are employed, such as a factory.
- the sum total of a writer's or artist's achievements, especially when considered together: *the works of Shakespeare*.
- the deeds of a person, virtuous deeds performed as religious acts: *works of charity*.
- the interior parts of the mechanism of a machine, etc: *the works of a clock*.
- in the works, *informal* in preparation.

Quotes: “The child of God knows his good works do not make him acceptable to God, for he was acceptable to God by Jesus Christ long before he had any good works.” – Charles Spurgeon

“Good works do not make a good man, but a good man does good works.” – Martin Luther

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“Free will does not enable any man to perform good works, unless he is assisted by grace; indeed, the special grace which the elect alone receive through regeneration.” – John Calvin

“Truly, God works in mysterious ways. The wheels of His mercy and justice move quietly, but they do move.” – Billy Graham

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Bible: Psalm 64:9

All people will fear; they will proclaim the **works** of God and ponder what he has done.

Psalm 77:12

I will consider all your **works** and meditate on all your mighty deeds.

Proverbs 16:3-4

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans. The Lord **works** out everything to its proper end—even the wicked for a day of disaster.

John 14:11-12

Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the **works** themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the **works** I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

Galatians 2:16

Know that a person is not justified by the **works** of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the **works** of the law, because by the **works** of the law no one will be justified.

Galatians 3:1-3

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the **works** of the law, or by believing what you heard? Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?

Ephesians 2:8-10

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Philippians 2:12b-14

Continue to **work** out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who **works** in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. Do everything without grumbling or arguing.

Romans 3:20-21

Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the **works** of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin. But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known.