



GOOD NEIGHBORS—PART 6

EXERCISE FAITH

SPEAK TRUTH AND LOVE

ROMANS 10:8-10, 14

“The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹ **If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.** ¹⁰ **For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.**

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? **And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?**

ISAIAH 50:4

The Sovereign Lord has given me a **well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary.**

He wakens me morning by morning,
wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.

Good neighbors show love and share truth through their words.

MORE THAN WORDS

1 JOHN 3:16-18

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ **Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.**

Good Neighbors show love by meeting the needs we can, even at cost to ourselves.

FAITH COMES ALIVE THROUGH ACTION

JAMES 2:14-17

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, **faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.**

JAMES 2:18

Show me your faith without deeds, and **I will show you my faith by my deeds.**

If we are being Christian and being the church in ways that don’t lead us into deeper love for God

**and more active love for others,
then what we’re doing isn’t working.**

GALATIANS 5:6

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. **The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.**

Good Neighbors express their faith through love.