

Transcending Theoretical Faith

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What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good[a] is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe - and shudder! Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? James 2:14-20

"I" have been sought for, bought and exchanged at the price of the sorrow of Heaven. If you forget this, you will be unable to step over the historical current of death... Satan's trial comes at the peak of difficulty, on the cross. At that time not even God can interfere. SMM, The Way of God's Will

Hello,

In his sermon last Sunday, Shigeru Tashiro spoke about different types of faith. He asked, "How do we get the kind of faith that we need in our role as fathers as kings and priests?"

The Hebrew word for faith, Emunah, means "support, a stable foundation." It is usually interpreted as a mental affirmation, belief without evidence. Many decades ago, the Christian author C.S. Lewis wrote about the loss of meaning. The word "gentleman" originally meant an owner of land with a coat of arms.



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As expressed in James 2:14-20, for the early Christians, the concept of faith was intertwined with their life actions. Can Shigeru's wife "lean on" or trust him without knowing him? You can never know someone fully. Do you really know yourself fully? What makes a marriage is those shared experiences with commitment.

So what do we need for a relationship with God. We call him "Heavenly Father." We need to study God's words to know Him better, to know the history of God.

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There is also a knowledge past what can be written in books. In a [thought experiment by Frank Jackson called Mary's Room](#), the story follows a brilliant neuroscientist named Mary who has lived her entire life in a completely black-and-white room. She studies the outside world exclusively through black-and-white media.

What she knows: Mary is the world's leading expert on color vision. She possesses total physical knowledge - every fact about wavelengths of light, the neurophysiology of the eye, and the brain processes involved in seeing color.

The setup: The thought experiment asks what happens when Mary finally steps out of her black-and-white room and sees a vibrant, colored object, like a red apple.

When Mary sees the colored apple for the first time, does she learn something new? Yes. Even though she knew every physical fact about color, she did not know what it felt like to experience color. This experiential, subjective knowledge is called a *quale*.



Too often churches do not focus on applied theology. They focus on theological ideas, but not always on faith in practice.

Even the demons know that Jesus is Lord. Ephesians says men should love their wives, but if a man is unfaithful to his wife, is that showing love? If the wife is going around speaking badly about her husband, is that respecting him?



The 2nd King speaks about how oxytocin is like face to face time with God, praying and reading. Vasopressin time with God is experiencing God in action. Accomplishing something difficult together, like veterans who fight in a war together.

Men can fish together, but not know many details about each other's lives. We need to accomplish things together, as through training, being outside in God's nature, challenging oneself by hiking 20 miles and doing challenging things together with God.

[The King of Kings and the White Dragon movie](#)

Build a relationship. Shigeru realized that he could rely on God through challenging himself. It means to give up and to rely on God. Your children will have different characters and personalities. Faith is not about how much you know (Gnosticism).

Atheists criticize the idea of faith as something without evidence. No, it's an experience by doing something hard and inviting God to be part of it.



May God bless you and your families!

Sincerely,

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