



DAY 17



# ACTIVE FAITH

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**Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.**

**Matthew 7:7-8**

As we began this Advent journey together a few weeks ago the intention was to calibrate our focus solely on Jesus. To order our disordered thoughts and agendas to look more and more like what He would desire for us. That necessarily required us to cease our “fighting against the gods” as Jesus reprimanded Saul. Our first action in this process is often a period of inaction.

When we have allowed the noise to cease, and we have been reminded of that beautiful voice of the savior, we can set our energies on the journey. You have felt it before, haven't you? Once you attain a clarity of purpose that only comes from Jesus, there is a supernatural zeal that follows. Matthew reminds us of ways that we can go about our task. Ask questions, ask for help, ask for mercy. Once you have that ongoing dialogue with Jesus, he will remind you that this was his intention all along.

Seek for ways to serve. Seek Jesus in everything around you. Seek out opportunities to share your vision. Ours is not a passive faith.

Knock down the fears that stand in your way. Knock on doors you thought were once closed to you. With Jesus at your side, you have gained a perspective that intends to change the hearts of all men.

Have you heard a word from the Lord?

Are you actively Asking, Seeking, and Knocking?

Have you seen this type of active faith in your life before?

Perhaps you had it or you witnessed someone having it, is this something you desire for yourself?

*Lord, you have called us to quiet our hearts and minds. We want yours to be the only voice we hear. We also know that you have a purpose and a plan for each of us. Help us to move from a passive to an active faith that seeks opportunities to serve where you have called us. Give us boldness, Jesus, and help us to give you the glory you deserve. Amen*

