

Your World Is Waiting

SERIES: Dangerous Surrender / Part 3

“Dear brothers and sisters, what’s the use of saying you have faith if you don’t prove it by your actions?” **James 2:14 (NLT)**

1. The world is waiting for people who LIVE authentically.

“You can’t keep your true self hidden forever; before long you’ll be exposed. You can’t hide behind a religious mask forever; sooner or later the mask will slip and your true face will be known.” **Luke 12:2 (MSG)**

“Finally, I confessed all my sins to You and stopped trying to hide them. I said to myself, ‘I will confess my rebellion to the Lord.’ Then You forgave me! All my guilt is gone.” **Psalm 32:5 (NLT)**

2. The world is waiting for people who FIGHT courageously.

“When I came to you, I was weak and trembled all over with fear.” **1 Corinthians 2:3 (TEV)**

“Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Don’t be afraid or terrified. The Lord God, my God, will be with you.” **1 Chronicles 28:20a (GW)**

“I’ll say to myself, ‘Self, you’ve done well! You’ve got it made and can now retire. Take it easy and have the time of your life!’” **Luke 12:19 (MSG)**

“Life is worth nothing unless I use it for doing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus – the work of telling others the Good News about God’s mighty kindness and love.” **Acts 20:24 (LB)**

3. The world is waiting for people who LOVE sacrificially.

“Let love be your highest goal.” **1 Corinthians 14:1 (NLT)**

“Don’t take things for granted and go slack in working for the common good; share what you have with others. God takes particular pleasure in these acts of worship – a different kind of ‘sacrifice’ that take place in kitchen and workplace and on the streets.” **Hebrews 13:16 (MSG)**

“What God the Father considers to be pure and genuine religion is this: to take care of orphans and widows in their suffering and to keep oneself from being corrupted by the world.” **James 1:27 (TEV)**

HOW CAN I DO ANY GOOD?

GIVE your presence.

“Then (Job’s friends) sat on the ground with Job seven days and seven nights. No one said a word to him because they saw how much he was suffering.” **Job 2:13 (NCV)**

OPEN up your heart.

“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” **Galatians 6:2 (NIV)**

OFFER help.

“Never walk away from someone who deserves help; your hand is God’s hand for that person.” **Proverbs 3:27(MSG)**

“Tell (people) to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give generously to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them.” **1 Timothy 6:18 (NLT)**

DEPEND on God.

“Humans look at outward appearances, but the Lord looks into the heart.” **1 Samuel 16:7 (GW)**

“My grace is all you need, for my power is greatest when you are weak.” **2 Corinthians 12:9 (TEV)**

“May our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father, who loved us and in His grace gave us unfailing courage and a firm hope, encourage you and strengthen you to always do and say what is good.” **2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 (TEV)**