



**GATEWAY**  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

*“Church Beyond Walls”*

James 2:14-17  
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## Church Beyond Walls – Father’s Day: Love in Action

Our Good Father GOD wants to help us [be our best](#)

Matthew 5:48

Philippians 1:6

Romans 8:28-30

We have a [Good Father God!](#) **Psalm 118:1**

When God created – the descriptive word was: [good](#).

God’s *plan* is good. God’s *purpose* for us is good. He made us in his own image. God is good, and God wants his children to be good too! ✓ That is what [godliness](#) is all about!

2 Peter 1:3-7 / 1 Timothy 4:8 / 1 Timothy 6:6

When God created, it was *all good*... But then, it *all went bad*.

The mystery of the greatest good of all – LOVE – comes with the greatest [risk](#) of all! **Genesis 2:15-17**

✓ In order for there to be [love](#), there must be [choice](#).

God [is Love](#). I John 4:8

God is a [God of His Word](#). Proverbs 30:5 / Matthew 5:18

God is a [God of Action](#).

Genesis 3:20-24

Revelation 22:1-5

### **James 2:14**

Faith in Jesus + Loving God and Others will = [changed lives](#).

When you really learn to [Love God](#) – you will [love Others!](#)

James illustration: **James 2:15-16**

Real [faith](#) will produce real [results](#).

### **James 2:17**

Special Father’s Day note to **Men**:

Men *lead* by being Good, by being Godly, by loving your family.

⇒ I commit to [be godly](#) and love my friends and family

Next Week: ***Being with Sinners without Sinning*** Ephesians 5:1-20

## Church Beyond Walls- Faith in Action

**July's Memory Verse** – *Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome.*

1John 5:3 (NLT)

### Monday 6/19- Read Romans 1:14-17

**Question:** Why is Paul not ashamed to share the gospel with others?

**Truth:** *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes:* Vs. 16

**Meditate:** 1 Corinthians 3:20- *For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.*

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, open my eyes and heart so I can tell how you have been so powerful in changing my life.

**Action:** *"The righteous will live by faith."* Vs. 17

What God is asking me to do: \_\_\_\_\_

### Tuesday 6/20- Read Acts 1:1-8

**Question:** Why is Luke an inspirational biblical character for us today?

**Truth:** Luke is a gentile who wrote the gospel of Luke and the book of Acts without having seen Jesus.

**Meditate:** 1 Peter 4:11 – *If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things...*

**Prayer:** Father God give me strength so that my life will bring you glory.

**Action:** *To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.* Colossians 1:29

What God is telling me: \_\_\_\_\_

### Wednesday 6/21- Read 2 Timothy 1:1-12

**Question:** Where does the power come from to live a righteous life?

**Truth:** *He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace.*

*This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time,* Vs.9

**Meditate:** 2 Peter 1:3- *His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.*

**Prayer:** Lord, thank you for empowering me to live in righteousness.

**Action:** *For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.* Vs. 7

What God is telling me: \_\_\_\_\_

### Thursday 6/22- Read 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

**Question:** When I speak with others about Jesus, am I sharing only empty words? NO!

**Truth:** *because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake.* Vs. 5

**Meditate:** 1 Thessalonians 1:3- *We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Prayer:** *We always thank God for all of you (Gateway) and continually mention you in our prayers.* Vs.2

**Action:** *you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,* Vs. 9

What is God telling me: \_\_\_\_\_

### Friday 6/23- Read Matthew 5:1-12

**Question:** Why is it so important that Jesus purifies my heart?

**Truth:** *Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.* Vs. 8

**Meditate:** *Matthew 5:6- Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*

**Prayer:** Father, bless me as I work to bless others with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Action:** *Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven,* Vs. 12

What is God telling me: \_\_\_\_\_

Love God and Love Others BY participating in an Action Group