

## YOUR FAITH IN ACTION

*We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, . . . 2 Thessalonians 1:3 (New International Version)*

Two decisions that will help you put your faith into action as God's witness.

- **DECIDE THAT PRACTICING YOUR FAITH INCLUDES BEING A WITNESS.**

*For we remember before our God and Father how you put your faith into practice, how your love made you work so hard, and how your hope in our Lord Jesus Christ is firm. 1 Thessalonians 1:3 (Good News Translation)*

See Matthew 28:19; Luke 15:11-32.

### Jesus' Influence Metaphors

- Salt of the earth

*"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men." Matthew 5:13 (NIV)*

- Light of the world

*"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)*

- Yeast

*Jesus also used this illustration: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like the yeast a woman used in making bread. Even though she put only a little yeast in three measures of flour, it permeated every part of the dough." Matthew 13:33 (New Living Translation)*

- **DECIDE TO ACT OUT YOUR FAITH AS A WITNESS.**

### Two Ways to Practice My Faith as a Witness

- Pray for one to three people in my world who are far from God.

*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21 (English Standard Version)*

### Four Ways to Pray for People Far from God

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will bring conviction of sin.
- Pray that God will bring other godly people into their lives to influence them.
- Pray that God will arrange the circumstances of their lives to point to Him.
- Pray that God will show me how to be salt and light in his or her life.

- Leave my comfort zone for the people I'm praying for.

### Three Ways to Leave My Comfort Zone

- Connect
- Serve
- Witness