



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING THE RIPPLE EFFECT...

Crossroads Church - 3 year campaign to end thirst

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S: Matthew 25:31-46

O: Though a harsh passage, we can learn several things. One thing is that faith is more than mere intellectual belief. Real faith is active. It affects how we see and treat others, particularly those society tends to forget or ignore. A faith that doesn't "act" (Jesus calls them "goats" in this text) isn't real faith. It's pretend faith. And that's NOT the kind of faith you want on Judgment Day.

A: I want to be a sheep ("righteous"). I want to have the kind of faith illustrated in vs. 34-40—the kind of faith that helps me see people through a new lens. The kind of faith that prompts me to respond to "the least of these" as if I were responding to Jesus himself. The kind of faith that moves from my head to my heart to my hands and feet.

P: Father, as I look out at a needy world, stop me from "switching channels." Help me to see people through your compassionate eyes. Help me to feel what you feel when someone is naked or hungry or homeless. And help me to act as if that needy person I see is actually Jesus in the flesh.