

Faith Works

Resume Faith

Are you stuck in the trap where you have to do enough, so that you have enough, in order to be enough? If faith merely comes down to presenting God with our resume, then we are not faithful...we are superstitious. Christian faith is appealing to Jesus' work, not ours.

Christian faith is about appealing to Jesus' victory, not ours. Christian faith is about appealing to Jesus' goodness, not our own..

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever done something just so that you would be able to put it on a transcript or resume? What was it?
 2. We have resumes when it comes to work (because you are hired based on the hope of performance, not because an employer wants to have a relationship with an employee), but they do not belong when it comes to God (because God wants a relationship and not performance). How are these different? Share and discuss.
 3. If you were to die and arrive at the doors of Heaven, why should they let you in? Where does your answer come from? Discuss.
 4. Do you ever find yourself trying to "control" or "manipulate" God by doing a bunch of "holy things"? When did this start? Where does that come from? How can you leave it behind you? Discuss.
 5. Christian faith is not passive. It is actively being poured out in love. Do you find that paradox difficult? That we are called to receive God's love with empty hands while responding with everything we have? Discuss.
 6. Do you have any fears about coming before the Lord with empty hands? Please share and discuss.
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God in Real Life

1. This week, each time you approach God (in prayer, at Mass, while walking or doing daily tasks), take notice. Take notice to what or to whom you are appealing. Are you relying on your own merits or appealing to the merits of Jesus?
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To the Heart

"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world." ~Prayer from the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (appealing to Christ's merits, not our own).