



The Redemption of Scrooge

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Title: Obedient Risky Action

Text: John 5:36

“The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me.”

I asked you to sit still for 20 minutes yesterday. How did it go? One of the benefits for sitting still is greater clarity for hearing when God speaks. Hearing means nothing unless it is followed by doing.

After the Ghost of Christmas Yet To Come leaves him, Scrooge wakes up from his sleep with a fright, and is utterly amazed that he is in his own bed. It is him, flesh and blood. Opening the window, he noticed a young boy walking in the snow. He finds out that it is Christmas day... and immediately, he ACTS on the lessons of his journey.

Similarly, Jesus tells us in today’s reading that the works (action) that the Father has given him to do (which he was doing) was the greatest witness to who he really was. The works..., not the thoughts, reflections and deliberations. The works! Actions speak louder...

The temptation is great to settle for the status quo of business as usual, deceiving ourselves into thinking that we “believe”. But true faith acts. A good starting place is mercy for the vulnerable (the widows, orphans, immigrant, the poor). When we act, we come to *know*, not just *believe*. Try it and find out for yourself. This is the way of glad and risky obedience.

Thought to Ponder: What action can you take to advance your *knowing* Christ, not just believing in Him?

Prayer: God whose action is made most clear to us in Jesus Christ; you risked taking on flesh and living among us. May we be among your disciples who risk glad obedient action. In His name. Amen.