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Words of Action

Friends,

"Now that you know this truth, how happy you will be if you put it into practice!" John 13:17

A girl with a bow in her hair took a bow while holding her fiddle and bow in the bow of the boat. Did you have to reread this sentence in order for it to make sense? Roger said he did.

"Bow" is one word with multiple pronunciations and even more meanings. If it is taken out of context, we are unsure if it is a noun, a tangible thing, or a verb, a word of action.

Our language is filled with words that we can only understand if we are privy to the words they are surrounded by. The words love, hope and faith all come to mind. These three words have been highlighted many times in our recent weekly messages. All three of these words are used a multitude of times in scripture. When we read these words do, we automatically think of them in the sense of a tangible thing or are they words of action?

In our daily life it is comforting to think of Love, Hope and Faith as things we can see and/or feel but perhaps we find it more difficult to make them our action words. It might even be easy enough for us to use them in action for circumstances that are simple and straightforward. When we are asked to use them in the face of challenge it becomes more difficult. When we are asked to love those who seem unlovable, or to have hope in a situation that seems hopeless, or to have faith in something that seems impossible, we must remember that we are not asked to do this alone but that God is with us guiding us every step of the way. With God's help, everyone can be loveable, there is hope in every situation, and nothing is impossible.

The discovery of 215 children buried at a Residential School site, Sunday's tragedy involving a London Muslim family, and living through a pandemic; all of these situations are unprecedented for most of us. We feel shock, heartache and concern about racism, discrimination and even the reopening of our community. We feel powerless, what can we do to change things for the better?

If we make Faith, Hope and Love our actions, we take small steps toward a better future. May our actions to support the Rainbow Crosswalk and Community Living Room help us to encourage a truly welcoming environment and inspire us to do more. And while we wait for post pandemic normalcy let's take time to bring others into our action plan. Check in with your neighbours, call or write to family and friends, reconnect with those people you haven't seen in the last 15 months or longer. These acts are putting God's plan into effect.

Go make a difference, You can difference, Go make a difference in the world!
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*"Our relationship with God and each other strengthens us, and helps make the world a better place.
We welcome and include **everyone** into congregational life."*

