

Persecuted but not forgotten...**Words have meaning**

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"I like your Christ; I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ." *Mahatma Gandhi*

Gandhi was a great man of peace. He did practice what he preached. Why did he believe that Christians were so unlike Christ? Probably because it was not reflected in the lives of the Christians he came in contact with. They did not act on the words and life of Christ. *They did not put the words of Christ into action.* James tells us that "*Faith without works is dead*". If our faith does not show itself in deeds then our faith is dead. James gave the two great examples of acting on faith to both Abraham and Rahab. (James 2: 20-26). They took action based on their faith. They did not know what the actual results of their actions would be. They had the courage of their convictions and they acted on it. They trusted with faith and both took great risks. Benjamin Disraeli said '*Action may not always bring happiness; but there is no happiness without action.*' This is truly a truth. Our faith should overflow into action. If we do not act on the words of Christ in our deeds then, we are not producing the fruits that should be reflected by our deeds as Christians. "If a brother or sister in Jesus Christ is without clothes and daily food, help them." James 2:12-18

It's finally in the news. Islamic Extremists are killing, torturing, and kidnapping Christians and their families. This is the primary reason we started Joshuacord. Why is it taking so long for the Church to wake and help those under persecution? Is it that we don't want our Christian Perspective or lives to be disturbed? We must help those who can't help themselves. It's not just our choice it's also our duty as Christians.

"It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be ground down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal." *John Paul II*

Probably the greatest strategy of Satan is to mute or silence the witness of the church. Our goal as Joshuacord is to raise awareness of the persecution to Christian believers. Pray for the Persecuted Christians and when you can Step Up, Speak Up and take action to support them.

Matt: 25:40 "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did to Me.'" **"Each one of them is Jesus in disguise."**

Mother Teresa

"Those who have abundance should share with those who have nothing." Luke 3:11

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