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Scripture: James 1:22 "...but be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only."

There is an amusing story from General Stonewall Jackson's famous valley campaign. Jackson's army found itself on one side of a river when it needed to be on the other side. After telling his engineers to plan and build a bridge so the army could cross, Jackson called his wagon master in to tell him that it was urgent that the wagon train cross the river as soon as possible. The wagon master started gathering all of the logs, rocks, and fence rails that he could find and immediately built a bridge across the river.

Long before daylight, General Jackson was told by his wagon master that all of the wagons and artillery had crossed the river. General Jackson asked where the engineers were and what they were doing. The wagon master's only reply was that they were still in their tent drawing up plans for a bridge.

The old saying comes to mind: "that when all is said and done ... there is more said than done." Just as only talking about a problem or an obstacle does not resolve it, neither does only talking about faith change or resolve a given situation. The Lord expects us to put our faith into action. In James 2:14-26, Jesus warns against those who would simply say, "Go and be blessed," while not supplying the person's present physical need. He asked "What good does that kind of faith accomplish?" People around us should know that we are followers of Christ not just because we tell them we are, but by our consistent demonstration of God's love for others through our actions every day. We must be doers of the word and not hearers only. +++

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