

Faith demonstrated in Bible Study and Dance.

## James 2:14-17. Faith and Deeds

14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? 15 Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. 16 If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? 17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

The Lord is so good. Our very first FCA All Abilities Bible study started through our Fearfully and Wonderfully Made Dance team. When the Lord brought Bailey to FCA it was absolutely one of the biggest faith builders we had. Not fully knowing what the Lord was going to do through FCA All Abilities, Bailey's love for Jesus and for dance opened up a whole world that we would have never explored on our own. This platform has given us opportunities to be in close relationships with Good Shepherd Church and our adult community. Faith is believing without seeing. We believed for real relationships that would allow us to bring discipleship relationships to the All Ability adult world. God brought Bailey and that is happening.

As many of you know, our all ability adults lack a faith community. The churches in our area have not known how to reach the disability community. Many of our families have been turned away from the church just because churches have not understood how to have conversations around how to support people.. It breaks our hearts but gives us prayers and a voice to show organizations and churches how to minister to people with disabilities. Our mission is to lead EVERY coach and athlete into a growing relationship with Jesus and His Church. So we are working to get Northern Colorado churches information on how to welcome families that have children with disabilities. We have had to do a lot of consistent relationship building to even have individual families open to coming to a church. The first two years were about building trust. Because of Bailey's leadership and protection over our friends, we have continued to grow in depth of relationships and others wanting to join. We have a waiting list for our dance program right now. The needs are great for the community and we are praying for our next steps. One of those next steps is to bring Bailey on full time. Would you pray for us if this is the Lord's next step for us and the monthly partners to support her.

Bible study and dance is a wonderful place for our people to feel welcomed, accepted, and encouraged in their God given abilities. We start each week with prayer and a Bible Study. The need to have a parent Bible study was growing. As we prayed, the Lord brought to mind an amazing momma with a daughter with

physical disabilities. She has been instrumental in leading our first parent Bible study. One of our parents has never had her own Bible. Veronica, our Bible study leader, gave her her very own Bible. She was blown away that she got to keep it. She's been in the Word every day and has loved having a Bible she can read. Are you kidding me, we get to be a part of this beautiful community and lead parents and caregivers in their understanding and relationship with Jesus. We are so grateful for Veronica and the doors open for our parents. We are so grateful for Good Shepherd Church that has welcomed our community and each and every person with open arms and hearts. Through Good Shepherd's love and care, we have three families that attend Good Shepherd and are getting involved in church relationships. One of our new families all got baptized this year including their medically complex needs daughter. It is powerful to see Good Shepherd on a Sunday with individuals with All Abilities being welcomed and belonging. They make space for wheelchairs, open to various behaviors and sounds and absolutely extend God's love! Thank you to Good Shepherd for being willing to have the conversation and to tangibly show Jesus through your yes!

Come sometime to be a part of Bible study and dance! You will be blessed. "How good and perfect it is for brothers and sisters to dwell together in unity" Psalm 133:1