

Series: "Talk is Cheap"
Part 5: "Faith in Action"
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Central Question: How do I know I have saving faith?

Key Truth:

_____ that does not lead to _____ is _____ and will not _____ you.

The Expression of Saving Faith

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?

James 2:14 (NIV)

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?

James 2:15-16 (NIV)

¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

James 2:17 (NIV)

➤ Saving faith is _____ by _____.

The Evidence of Saving Faith

¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.

James 2:18 (NIV)

¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

James 2:19 (NIV)

➤ Saving faith is _____ by _____.

The Example of Saving Faith

²⁰ You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? ²¹ Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar?

James 2:20-21 (NIV)

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

➤ Paul establishes the _____ of faith.

➤ James contends for the _____ of faith.

¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

²² You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.

James 2:22 (NIV)

➤ Saving faith is _____ by _____.

²³ And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend. ²⁴ You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.

James 2:23-24 (NIV)

²⁵ In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? ²⁶ As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

James 2:25-26 (NIV)

➤ The _____ is the _____ for everyone.

Conclusion:

Saving faith is more than what you _____ and _____. It's also about a _____ in God that responds with _____.