

Series: "MESSED UP CHURCH"
Part 5: "A FAITH THAT WORKS"
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Central theme in the book of James

➤ **True saving faith always results in _____**

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷ So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ¹⁹ You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!

James 2:14-19 (ESV)

²⁰ Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? ²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; ²³ and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"—and he was called a friend of God. ²⁴ You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.

James 2:20-24 (ESV)

- **A faith that results in _____ is _____ at all**

3 ways to live out a faith that works....

1. Refuse to choose or excuse _____

¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,

James 1:19 (NIV)

²⁰ because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.
James 1:20 (NIV)

²⁶ "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold.

Ephesians 4:26-27 (NIV)

2. Choose to _____ your _____

Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶ The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

James 3:5b-6 (NIV)

⁹ With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. ¹⁰ Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.

James 3:9-10 (NIV)

¹⁸ The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Proverbs 12:18 (NIV)

3. Refuse to _____ on God

⁴ You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

James 4:4 (NIV)

The Key:

➤ **Remember the _____**

Sermon Notes:
