

PHONY FAITH Practical Faith – Part 6

“Dear brothers and sisters, what's the use of saying you have faith if you don't prove it by your actions? That kind of faith can't save anyone!” James 2:14

#1: Real faith is more than just **WORDS** I say.

“Not everyone who says that I am their Lord is going to enter the kingdom of heaven. The only people who'll enter heaven are those who do what my father in heaven wants them to do.” Matthew 7:21

#2: Real faith is more than an **EMOTION** I feel.

“15 Suppose you see a brother or sister who needs food or clothing, 16 and you say to them, ‘I wish you well! I feel for you, and I hope you stay warm and eat well!’ but then you do nothing to meet their needs. What good does your sympathy do? It's worth nothing! 17 In the same way, faith, if it is not accompanied by action, doesn't work. It's dead and useless!” James 2:15-17

#3: Real faith is more than an **IDEA** I debate.

“Now someone may argue, ‘Isn't it possible that some people have good faith while other people do good deeds?’ but I say, ‘No! I can't see your real faith if you don't do any real deeds to show me!’ In contrast, I can show you my faith by the good things I do!” James 2:18

“Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he's a new creature. The old has passed away. The new has come. Everything becomes new.” 2 Corinthians 5:17

#4: Real faith is more than just a **TRUTH** I believe.

“19 Now, you say, ‘Well, I believe there is a God,’ and I say, ‘Good for you!’ but even the demons believe that and are afraid! 20 It's foolish to not realize that faith in God is useless if you don't do what God wants you to do.” James 2:19-20

KEY TRUTH: Real faith is something I **DO!**

“Just as a body without a spirit doesn't breathe and is dead, so faith that doesn't do anything is just as dead!” James 2:26

“13b Stand firm in your faith. Stay brave, be strong, and 14 do everything in love.” 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

• (In faith) Abraham followed God not **KNOWING** where he was going.

“Isn't it obvious that faith and works are yoked partners, that faith expresses itself in works? That the works are ‘works of faith?’” James 2:22

“...God accepted Abraham's faith, and that faith made him right with God. So, Abraham was called ‘the friend of God.’” James 2:23

• (In faith) Rahab **RISKED** her life to save others. James 2:25-26 & Joshua 2

“Examine yourselves to see whether you are really in the faith; test yourselves.” 2 Corinthians 13:5

“8 It is by grace you have been saved through faith...10 For a life of good works which god has already prepared for us to do.” Ephesians 2:8,10

Could it be that the reason that you stepped away from faith in God or have never given yourself to God, isn't the reasons that you give? Could it be that if there really is a God...

- You're **GUILTY?**
- You're **ACCOUNTABLE?**
- You've been **WRONG?**

BIG REALITY: **HUMILITY** is always the way forward.

“For God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

“8 Come near to God and God will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners and purify your hearts you double-minded. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up.” James 4:8,10

“Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.” John 1:12