

Weekly Summary: Saving Faith Works

Most people claim to believe in God, but James reminds us that Satan believes in God too! True and living faith proves itself by what it does. Genuine faith works!

Homework Leading Into This Week: James 2:14-26

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:13-27

Faith Works: A Journey Through James

Week 4: Saving Faith Works

- ❖ James 2:14 - What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?

James 2:15-16 - Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. 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 2:17 - In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

- ❖ "**Faith**" that is **workless** is **worthless**.





❖ Matthew 7:21 - Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit...Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

❖ Real faith **works!**

❖ James 2:18 - 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 2:19 - You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

James 2:20-23 - You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. 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.

James 2:24 - You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.

Ephesians 2:8-10 - For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

James 2:25 - 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?

James 2:26 - As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.



- ❖ When it comes to sin, fake faith **does** it, **knows** it, doesn't **regret** it, and plans to **repeat** it.

Points to Ponder

1. Based on James's words, do you have real faith? Why or why not?
2. Study 2 Corinthians 5:14-15. How do Paul's words perfectly compliment James's message?
3. Do you know someone that might have fake faith? If so, share this message with them (in person or via podcast) before they stand face-to-face with Jesus without saving faith.

Homework For Next Week: James 3:1-12

*"We are saved by faith alone,
but the faith that saves is never alone."
~ Martin Luther*

Worship Through Song at The CORE:

1. "Lifesong" - by Casting Crowns
2. "Multiplied" by NeedToBreathe
3. "Create In Me" - as arranged by Matt Schaefer
4. "Diamonds" by Hawk Nelson