

REAL FAITH FOR THE REAL WORLD

The Book of James

PART 9

DOES YOUR FAITH HAVE A PULSE?

Faith without Works is Dead

(James 2:14-26)

INTRODUCTION:

THE PRINCIPLES:

1. JAMES' _____ :

- **IF...** faith is indispensable, irreplaceable and eternally _____, ...
And it is... **THEN...** James is burdened that his scattered congregation not only _____ faith but actually _____ genuine saving faith.

2. JAMES' _____ :

- **Real Faith** — saving faith — is not only demonstrated by _____ in the _____ of _____ and _____ (1:2-13), ...
but also by _____ in the _____ of sanctification and _____ (2:14-26). Real faith _____ your life.

THE PASSAGE:

1A. MOVEMENT #1: _____ **FAITH (2:14-19)**

1B. The First Argument (v. 14)

"What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him?"

- **Q:** Is the _____ of faith without the _____ of faith really saving faith? **Answer:** _____ !

2B. The First Illustration (v. 15-16)

"If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,' and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that?"

- If genuine _____ demands _____ and not just _____, then certainly genuine _____ does as well.

3B. The Principle Stated (v. 17)

"Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself."

- Faith without works is _____!

4B. The Second Argument (v. 18)

"But someone may well say, 'You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works.'"

- Q: Can faith, saving faith, be demonstrated without works? Answer: _____!

5B. The Second Illustration (v. 19)

"You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder."

- Q: Faith without works, even when it is _____, will not save you.

2A. MOVEMENT #2: _____ FAITH (2:20-25)

1B. The Principle Restated (v. 20)

"But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless?"

- Faith without works is _____!

2B. The First Illustration: Abraham the _____ (v. 21-24)

"Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected..."

- Genuine faith is far more than a simple acknowledgment of God,... it involves a life of active _____ that surrenders everything to Him.

3B. The Second Illustration: Rehab the _____ (v. 25)

"In the same way, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way?"

- Genuine faith operates the same, no matter your _____ in this _____ and no matter your _____ in this _____.

THE PRINCIPLE RESTATED AGAIN: (2:26)

"For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead."

- Faith without works is _____!