

James, Season 2: A Faith That Walks (2:14-26)

1. The Marks of Dead Faith (vs.14-20)

- A. Talk is _____ vs.14: reality of one's salvation is evidenced **more** by what they do, than what they say
1. How do I know someone trusts the pilot to take them to Costa Rica? _____
 2. Can "faith" that is merely words save us? *How do we know a baby is alive? _____
***1Jn1:6; 1Jn2:4** – James' answer is absolutely _____. There must be actions/evidence
- B. Love is _____ (vs.15-17): false compassion; is this love? Is it useful in time of need?
1. If one comes to us in need, we have means to help, only pray/God take care of u: Love/ hate?
 2. Consider Good Samaritan; religious leaders' actions vs. Samaritan's? _____
 3. **Ex.** Queen moved by drama, left coachman to freeze to death ***1Jn3:15-18**
 4. What about child-trafficking? Orphans? Should we act or just say that's so bad? **Ja1:27**
*What about forgiveness? Faith Alive or Dead? ***Lk6:27-28,32; 1Jn4:7-11,17-21**
- C. No _____ (vs.18-20,26)
- 1.Ex.** I prayed a prayer; was baptized; then I went on and lived my life, or I've always believed
***true faith always gives** _____; ***EX.** how do you know wind is blowing?
2. "You believe that God is one" ***Deut6:4**, the Shema, what about knowing good doctrine?
*Belief in one living God; Jesus/God death/resurrection, etc. can quote all? Save you?
*Do the demons believe all that? They know it! They tremble in terror! they hate God!
*What does James say is missing? _____ **Eph2:8-10**

2. The Examples of Living Faith (vs.21-26)

- A. Abraham: was he _____ by works? (vs.21) ***Rom4:1-3**; so what is James saying?
1. When was Abraham justified? (declared righteous) ***Rm4:17-22**, Gen15:6, promise of a son
 2. When does James say Abraham _____ (2nd word for justified in our text) his faith? **Ja2:21**
***Heb11:17-19** – **because** he trusted God's promise, and God could raise dead, **he acted!**
 3. Abraham's faith was _____ by all his works, the pinnacle offering Isaac; **Ja2:22-24; Jn8:56!**
- B. Rahab: the harlot from Jericho, the great-grandmother of King _____
*Why did Rahab rescue the spies from Israel? She had living faith, so she acted! ***Josh2:9-12**
- C. _____ of the Faith (**Heb11:1-2**) *all these men/women heard; believed – then _____ on God's Word
1. **Heb11:32-38** – by faith amazing power displayed, and amazing endurance in great suffering!
 2. Did the heroes of the faith live perfect lives? Abraham? Rahab? David? _____
***Faith overcame their sin,** _____
- D. How does this help us today? ***Heb12:1-3**
1. The examples of living faith in Scripture, church history, challenge/encourage us to more!
*George Whitefield, Howell Harris, John Paton have greatly challenged me!
 2. Be people who build bridges of love, w/ what you have; to bring truth to people's lives
 3. When we face trials, temptations, etc. we see the evidence of our salvation overcome; when we sin, we see the evidence of salvation by God's discipline (Heb12:7) Assurance!
 4. We are able to walk others thru God's Word, so they can see the truth of their salvation
 5. If illegal to be a Christian; would there be enough evidence to convict you of following Christ
 6. Is your faith Alive or Dead? ***Ja2:26**; think of a funeral, and person in coffin?