

The Book of James
James 2:14-26
T.A.G. Resource

Topic: Genuine faith results in good works. A “faith” which fails to produce good works is actually a counterfeit faith. Genuine faith/belief is a heartfelt acceptance of Jesus’ deity, Jesus’ sacrificial death, Jesus’ resurrection, and a willing submission to Jesus’ Lordship. We are not saved by our good works, but we are saved for/to do good works (Ephesians 2:8-10).

James asks, “Can that kind of [counterfeit] faith save him?” How would you describe the difference between merely agreeing with Christian beliefs and actively living out a biblical faith?

Association:

Look at your current weekly routine. Where do your time, money, or energy clearly show that your faith is alive and active?

When you see someone in need within your community or church, what is your typical immediate reaction—words of encouragement, or practical help? What gets in the way of taking direct action?

James points out that even demons believe God is one, and they tremble. In what areas of your life are you holding correct theology without letting it change how you actually live?

Is there a belief you hold intellectually (e.g., God is in control, God forgives, God commands generosity) that your daily actions currently contradict?

Abraham’s faith was proven when he was tested with his most prized gift (Isaac). What is the “Isaac” in your life right now—something God may be asking you to trust Him with?

Rahab risked her safety to act on what she believed about God. What is a recent risk or sacrifice you have made simply because you believe God’s Word is true?

Abraham was a respected patriarch; Rahab was an outcast prostitute. How does their common ground (faith expressed through action) encourage you, regardless of your personal background or past mistakes?

Just as a body without breath is dead, faith without works is dead. If an outsider evaluated your faith solely by your actions this past month, what conclusion would he reach about your faith?

Guidance:

How can a small group or discipleship partner help you move from mental agreement (assent) to personal trust and obedience (allegiance)?

What is one specific action or step of obedience God is prompting you to take this week to bring your faith to life?

Pray for and with one another.