

**Summer at Epic - Part 3 - Choose Faith**  
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What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? – James 2:14

**How Is It with My Faith?**

- **Faith that is DEAD.**

So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. – James 2:17

- **Faith that is DECEIVED.**

<sup>22</sup> But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. <sup>23</sup> For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup> You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like.

– James 1:22-24

- **Faith that is ALIVE.**

You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete.

– James 2:22

**A Life-Giving Faith**

Now someone may argue, "Some people have faith; others have good deeds." But I say, "How can you show me your faith if you don't have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds." – James 2:18

**1) Faith that is alive, LOOKS out.**

Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you. - James 1:27

**2) Faith that is alive, STEPS out.**

Don't you remember that our ancestor Abraham was shown to be right with God by his actions when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? – James 2:21

Rahab the prostitute is another example. She was shown to be right with God by her actions when she hid those messengers and sent them safely away by a different road. – James 2:25

**3) Faith that is alive, WORKS out.**

Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works.  
– James 2:26

But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it. – James 1:25