



EMPOWERED

The Book of James

Faith That Lives

James 2:14-26

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FAITH

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is **confidence** in what we hope for and **assurance** about what we do not see.

Faith is confidence in the object of your hope.

- Belief in the **goodness** of the object of your faith.
- Belief in the **strength** and **ability** of the object to deliver on its promise.

Genuine faith manifests itself in **works**, but **works** alone are not always an indication of faith.

Faith in Christ is about your **direction**, not **perfection**.

FAITH THAT LIVES

1. Receive God's gift of **salvation** through Jesus Christ.
2. Put your **confidence** in God and His **word**.
3. Live your life **empowered** by God and **liberated** from sin.

(Galatians 5:1)

JAMES 2:14-26 (NIV)

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ 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? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

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. ¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

²⁰ You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? ²¹ Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. ²³ 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. ²⁴ You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.

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? ²⁶ As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.