Every Day Faith

A STUDY IN JAMES

James 2:14-15

What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food,

James 2:16-17
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? Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.

James 2:18-19

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

James 2:20-21

But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?

James 2:22-23

You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected; and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "and Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness," and he was called the friend of God.

James 2:24-25

You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone. 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?

James 2:26 For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

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Eph 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

We are saved by faith alone, but that faith is never alone.

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1. They use words more than action

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2. They see what they should do... but are passive

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If your faith is not changing you, your faith hasn't saved you!

3. They keep professing but there's no proof

Authentic faith is when the invisible becomes visible

John 15:8 "My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.

4. They can be no different than a demon

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2 Cor 5:15 and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.