

7. How does this teaching complement (not contradict) Paul's teaching on justification by faith?
8. Why does James bring up Abraham and Rahab (two very different people) as examples of living faith?
Consider he's addressing Jewish believers
9. What is James's purpose in asking rhetorical questions like "Can such faith save him?" (v. 14)?

LIVE IT - How should this change the way I live?

10. If your works (actions) don't match what you say your faith is, what should be your next step?
11. How can your daily works (acts of love, service, obedience) serve as visible evidence of your faith in Christ?
12. In what area of your life are you tempted to claim faith without backing it up with action?

FAITH WITH A PULSE

JAMES 2:14-26

*works are not the **root** of salvation;
they are the **fruit** of salvation.*

FAITH WITH A PULSE

JAMES 2:14-26

I. FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS EMPTY (vv. 14-17)

James is asking about the _____ being claimed.

THIS IS HYPOCRISY: _____ the right things while
_____ the real need.

Faith that stands alone, with no works alongside it, is an

LIVE IT OUT:

*If you have dead faith, you cannot fake it.
If you have living faith, you cannot fake it.*

II. FAITH AND WORKS ARE INSEPARABLE (vv. 18-20)

Faith joined with works becomes _____.

Even _____ have "good theology."

DEMONIC FAITH: _____ without obedience

LIVING FAITH: belief that results in _____.

LIVE IT OUT:

Don't settle for a faith that's all talk, all knowledge, or all theory.

III. FAITH PROVEN BY OBEDIENCE (vv. 21-24)

If anyone had _____ to say faith alone was enough,
it was Abraham.

Abraham's faith and works weren't _____; they were
_____.

**GENUINE FAITH LEADS TO INTIMACY WITH GOD
EXPRESSED THROUGH OBEDIENCE AND SURRENDER.**

Paul refutes _____ (works without faith).

James refutes _____ (faith without works).

LIVE IT OUT:

Living faith always leads to a surrendered life.

IV. FAITH IN ACTION (vv. 25-26)

If anyone had _____ credentials to be counted righteous, it was Rahab.

LIVE IT OUT:

Works are the evidence of a living faith.

#7 DIVE DEEPER STUDY QUESTIONS

JAMES 2:14-26

1. What stuck out the most to you from this week's message?

SEE IT - What do you notice about this passage?

2. How does James describe faith without works (vv. 14, 17, 20, 26)?

3. What two illustrations from the Old Testament does James use, and how does he describe their faith (vv. 21-25)?

4. What contrasts are made between "faith" and "works" in this section?

5. How does James conclude his argument in verse 26?

BELIEVE IT - What does this passage mean?

6. What does James mean when he says, "faith without works is dead"? (Remember, he's addressing believers)